

VIRTUAL



COMMUNITY

TOWN HALLS

Learn about  
COVID-19 services  
available from  
the county.



Ramsey County Elections Virtual Town Hall

October 20, 2020

# Town Hall Agenda

- Opening Remarks  
Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager
- Welcome  
Prince Corbett, Racial & Health Equity Administrator
- Elections Overview  
Heather Bestler, Deputy Director  
David Triplett, Manager of Elections
- Discussion with Community  
Jovonta and Symone Patton, Community residents
- Closing  
Prince Corbett

# Opening Remarks

*Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager  
Information and Public Records*

## **Disclaimer**

- This Town Hall is being recorded.
- We are recording for documentation and language/translation purposes.
- We cannot get into specifics about client cases or discuss private and confidential information about residents we serve on this town hall.

## Town Hall Purpose & Expectations

- Share resources and information on how residents can safely and securely vote in the 2020 general election.
  - Answer questions from the community about voting and elections.
  - Ramsey County will work to act on and be responsive to the needs and questions of community through action, follow up and updates on progress.
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## Virtual Town Hall Agreements

- Keep your phone and/or device on mute if you are not speaking.
- Listen actively -- respect others when they are talking.
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they," "we," and "you").
- Do not be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions but refrain from personal attacks -- focus on ideas.
- Participate to the fullest of your ability -- community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- The goal is not to agree -- it is to gain a deeper understanding.
- Step up and Step Back!

# **Elections Overview**

*(David Triplett and Heather Bestler)*

# Choose Your Way to Vote

Election Day is **Tuesday Nov. 3.**

Voting began Sept. 18.

## Ways to Vote:

1. By mail
2. In-person absentee
3. In person on Election Day





## Vote by Mail

- Complete an application online or by mail
- Ballot can be mailed anywhere you choose
- Don't wait too long to return, mail can take 7-10 days
  - You can also return your ballot in person to several locations.
  - Allianz Field return available Oct. 29-Nov. 2
- Must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Elections Office by Nov. 10 to be counted.
- Track your ballot online

Details and resources: **[ramseycounty.us/VoteByMail](https://ramseycounty.us/VoteByMail)**

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## Vote In-person before Election Day

- Vote at any location, regardless of address
- Three locations open now
  - Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Additional locations open Oct. 27
  - Evening and Saturday hours
- Services available:
  - Voting!
  - Voter registration
  - Return mail absentee ballots
  - Interpreters



Details and resources: [ramseycounty.us/VoteInPerson](https://ramseycounty.us/VoteInPerson)

## Vote on Election Day

- Polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- COVID-19: Steps to keep voters and election judges safe
  - Masks, single use pens and social distancing
  - Curbside voting option
- Register at your polling place
- Assistance and interpreters
- Get paid, serve as an election judge



Find your polling place: **[mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org)**

## Voting Rights & Protections

- Know your voting rights!
  - Eligibility requirements:
    - U.S. citizen
    - 18 years old on Election Day
    - MN resident for 20 days
    - No court ordered restrictions
- Registered voters do not need to show an ID
- Employers are required to give you time off work to go vote
- You can bring anyone to assist you with the voting process

## Voting Rights & Protections

If you are eligible, you have a right to vote!

- Election judges are trained to be problem solvers & will work to ensure your right to vote.
- How do I vote if....
  - I am a student?
  - I fear for my safety?
  - I am homeless?
  - I have a criminal record?
  - I am under guardianship?



## Election Results

Not all results will be available on election night.

- Results reported on election night will include all ballots cast in-person on election day and absentee ballots received by Nov. 3.
- Mail ballots will be processed through Nov. 10 if they were postmarked by Nov. 3.
- Updated results will be reported weekdays at 6 p.m. through Nov. 10.
- All mail ballots are processed by the ballot board.

# Community Discussion and Questions & Answers

*(Jovonta and Symone Patton)*



# United States® Census 2020



**BE COUNTED!**  
CENSUS 2020

Complete the Census by going online to  
**[www.2020census.org](http://www.2020census.org)** or by calling  
**1-844-330-2020**



**we count  
minnesota**

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# Community Resources & Next Steps

*Prince Corbett, Racial & Health Equity Administrator*



# FREE MASK PICKUP EVENT

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2020

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sears Parking Lot  
358 Marion Street | Saint Paul, MN 55103

[ramseycounty.us/AMaskforEveryone](https://ramseycounty.us/AMaskforEveryone)

# MASK UP... *For Better Days!*

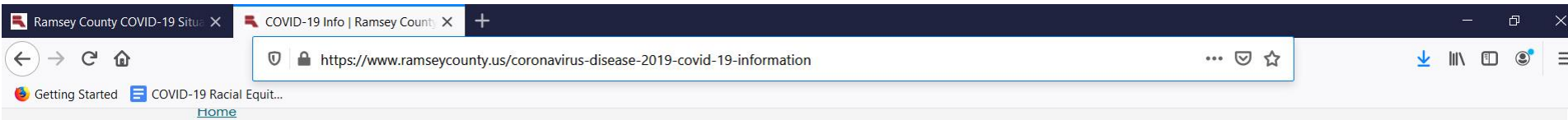


**"We** choose to mask up as a family because we care about our health and understand our choice helps flatten the curve of this virus. We care about our family and community and recognize that this is not only for our safety, but those we are surrounded by in our community daily."

-Jovonta Patton,  
Billboard Chart-topping  
Gospel Artist and Family

'Better Days' is  
a new single  
available on all  
digital outlets

A Public Health Initiative of the



## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information



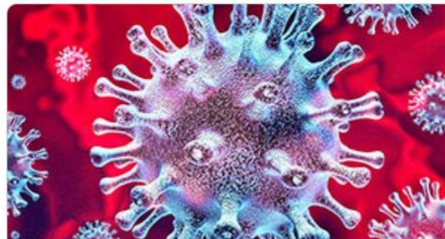
### County Services & Initiatives

Ramsey County government remains open and continues to provide services.

[Service delivery information](#)

[Form drop-off and walk-in assistance sites](#)

[Justice system collaboration and response](#)



### Health Information

Information about symptoms, prevention and who to contact for health questions and assistance.

[COVID-19 health information](#)

[Questions and help](#)

[Daily COVID-19 situation update dashboard](#)

[Materials, posters and videos](#)

[Cloth face coverings](#)



### Translated Materials

Materials are available in Spanish, Hmong, Karen and Somali.

[Español](#)

[Hmoob](#)

[Karen](#)

[Soomaali](#)



**ramseycounty.us/coronavirus**

# **COVID-19 Assistance & Service**

## **Customer Contact Center**

**(8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday)**

**651-266-8500**

- One-stop option for directing and resolving resident inquiries by phone.

## **Service Centers**

**(Five locations, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday)**

**[ramseycounty.us/ServiceCenters](https://ramseycounty.us/ServiceCenters)**

- In-person assistance with a wide range of county services, appointment-based computer workstations and secure document drop boxes.

## Community Resources

**Family Health Nurse Home Visiting-** 651-266-1568

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/health-medical/clinics-services/family-home-visiting>

**WIC** – for an appointment 651-266-1300.

[ramseycounty.us/WIC](https://www.ramseycounty.us/WIC)

**Child and Teen Check-Ups-** 651-266-2420

[ramseycounty.us/CTC](https://www.ramseycounty.us/CTC)

**Domestic Abuse Resources** - 24-hour crisis line 651-645-2824

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/assistance-support/protection-crisis-resources/domestic-abuse>

## Community Resources

**Financial Assistance** - 651-266-4444

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/assistance-support/assistance/financial-assistance>

**Employment Assistance** - 651-266-9890

[ramseycounty.us/EmploymentAssistance](https://www.ramseycounty.us/employment-assistance)

**Housing Services & Support** - for supportive housing info call 651-215-2262.

[ramseycounty.us/HousingSupport](https://www.ramseycounty.us/housing-support)

**Veterans Services** - 651-266-2545

[ramseycounty.us/veterans](https://www.ramseycounty.us/veterans)



## Community Resources

### **Mental Health Resources**

Adult Mental Health Crisis Line: 651-266-7900

Children's Mental Health Crisis Line: 651-266-7878

[ramseycounty.us/MentalHealth](https://www.ramseycounty.us/MentalHealth)

### **Food Resources**

Call the Minnesota Food Help Line - 888-711-1151 - connect to SNAP, WIC or other food resources. Interpreters are available.

[ramseycounty.us/FoodResources](https://www.ramseycounty.us/FoodResources)

### **Immigration - Legal Defense & Wrap Around Services**

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/immigration-legal-defense-wrap-around-services>

**Modified Library Service**

Curbside pickup and grab and go pickup are available at some locations.

Home delivery is also available for some residents of suburban Ramsey County.

Details: [rcIreads.org](http://rcIreads.org)

**Community Career Labs**

Career Labs provide computer access and free services for job seekers who have lost work due to COVID-19. Reservations can be booked by phone or online.

Eight locations across the county.

Details: [ramseycounty.us/CareerLabs](http://ramseycounty.us/CareerLabs)

651-266-8500



# Ramsey County Vision and Mission

## **Vision**

A vibrant community where all are valued  
and thrive.

## **Mission**

A county of excellence working with you to  
enhance our quality of life.

# Ramsey County Values

Ramsey County is a welcoming, accessible and inclusive organization. Our core values define our culture. They guide who we are as a county, our individual behaviors and operational decision-making.





*A county of excellence working with  
you to enhance our quality of life.*

# Thank you!

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