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New Loop Super Site for Chicago Early Voters

Chicago Election Board officials on Monday opened their new annex, the Loop Super Site for Early Voting and Registration, at 15 W. Washington St., a location designed to handle three times as many voters, particularly during peak periods in the last days before Election Day.

"Early Voting is a convenience for people who have their minds made up. With this earliest-ever start to Early Voting, we're proud to introduce our biggest-ever site to serve more voters than ever before," said Marisel A. Hernandez, Election Board Chairwoman. "In the past, we might see long lines at our downtown site with 1,600 voters on one day. This site will have more than triple the equipment to handle more than 4,500 voters in eight hours."

Chicago's Loop Super Site for Early Voting & Registration will be open every day through November 7. Hours the first week will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Closer to Election Day, weeknight hours also will be offered.

"The Loop Super Site also is near various major stops on CTA bus, el and subway lines around Washington and State," Hernandez said. "Our hope is that the Loop Super Site, along with more use of Vote By Mail, will alleviate pressure on early voting elsewhere in the city, and in precincts on Election Day where there will be Election Day Registration."

Voters don't need a reason or excuse to use Early Voting and may use any site in the city. Currently, 15 W. Washington St. is the only Chicago site open.

Early Voting sites in each of the city's 50 wards will open on Oct. 24, the traditional start of Early Voting, two weeks before Election Day.

Voters who need to a file name or address change, or who need to register for the first time, will be able to use the new Loop Super Site, so long as they can present two forms of ID, at least one of which shows the voter's current address. Voters who register or file name or address changes may vote during the same visit.

More information is available at chicagoelections.com

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