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Election 2020

Your Accessible Voting Checklist

Voting is one of our most important civil rights. Several laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensure equal access for all people with disabilities.

The COVID-19 pandemic may affect when, where, and how you vote. Take these steps to cast your vote safely and independently this fall.



REGISTER TO VOTE

If you haven't already, register to vote in your jurisdiction. Visit [vote.gov](https://www.vote.gov) to get started.

THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED

Your disability may affect your dexterity, mobility, vision, hearing, stamina, and risk for COVID-19. These considerations will determine your preferred method of voting.

LEARN YOUR OPTIONS

Available options include mail-in absentee voting, early voting, electronic voting, and in-person voting. Many states have expanded their voting methods in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Visit your state's voting website to learn more.

MARK THE DEADLINE

Deadlines will vary by state and by voting method. Check the deadline(s) that are relevant for you, and plan accordingly.

PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Some states require proof of an excuse when you request an absentee ballot. (Disability is a valid excuse in every state.)

DON'T WAIT!

Once you have a plan, cast your vote as soon as possible. Early voting begins as soon as mid-September in some states.

IF YOU'RE VOTING IN-PERSON:

DO A TRIAL RUN

Visit your polling place in advance to see whether it will be accessible for you. Look at the parking spaces, ramps, and entrances. **NOTE:** Poll locations may have changed due to COVID-19.

BRING A FRIEND

You can bring someone to help you vote in-person.

CALL AHEAD

Contact your local election officials to learn about their COVID-19 safety procedures and confirm that they can meet your accessibility needs.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The ADA requires polling places to be accessible. Know your rights, and don't be afraid to ask for reasonable accommodations.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG:

DON'T LET IT SLIDE

If you experience accessibility problems at your polling place, you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice at [ada.gov](https://www.ada.gov)



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Learn more at [PVA.org/vote](https://www.PVA.org/vote)