How to Vote As a Person with Disabilities in Virginia
Voting will look different this year because of COVID-19. COVID-19 is also called the coronavirus. The coronavirus is a serious disease. Having a plan to vote is important. This year, I need a plan to stay safe while I vote. I can vote by mail to stay safe. Vote by mail means that I can send my vote through the mail. If I want to vote by mail, I should send my ballot in early. A ballot is the piece of paper I write my vote on. I should send my ballot in at least 2 weeks before Election Day. Election Day is the day most ballots get counted.

WHY VOTE?
Every United States citizen can vote. When I vote, I choose who leads the government. Every vote counts!

Register 2VOTE
Before voting, I need to register. Register means that I sign up to vote. If I have a Virginia driver’s license or a state ID, I can register online. If I don’t have either of those, I can register using a paper form. If I am already registered, I should make sure my address is up to date.

I should also find out where my polling place is located. A polling place is the place I go to vote in person. I can also sign up to vote by mail.

To register to vote or check to make sure I am registered the right way, I should visit https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/
2020 Voting Deadlines:

I must register to vote by Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.
I must sign up to vote by mail by Friday, October 23rd, 2020.

My mail-in ballot must get to the post office by Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.
A mail in-ballot is a ballot that I use to vote by mail.
My mail-in ballot must get to my local voter registration office by Friday, November 6th, 2020. The voter registration office is the place where all the votes get counted on Election Day. This is also known as the voter registrar’s office.

I may vote early in-person starting Friday, September 18th, 2020.
Early in-person voting ends Saturday, October 31st, 2020.

Accessibility

If I have a hard time getting out of the car to vote, I can ask for curbside voting.
Curbside voting means voting from my car.
I can have someone with me to help me vote.
I can also have other things with me, like notes or a sample ballot.
I can take my time. No one has the right to rush me.
If I need help filling out a mail-in ballot, I need to ask for an assistance form.
An assistance form is the form someone else fills out to explain how they helped me vote.
I will ask for an assistance form when I apply for a mail-in ballot.
I can vote early starting Friday, September 18th, 2020.
I can go to my local voter registration office to vote early.

If I vote by mail, I need to apply for a mail-in ballot ahead of time.
   The ballot will come in the mail with instructions.
   I will fill out the ballot.
   I will follow the instructions to send it back in the mail.

If I vote in person, I need to show **identification**.
Identification is anything I use to let **poll workers** know that I am telling the truth about who I am.
Poll workers are people who work at the polls on Election Day.
My identification lets them know that I am not pretending to be someone else.

If I do not have identification, I may ask to sign my name on an **ID Confirmation Statement**.
An ID Confirmation Statement is a form that I sign.
When I sign an **ID** Confirmation Statement, I swear that I am telling the truth about who I am.
An ID Confirmation Statement is also called an **affidavit**.