

Voting Tips for Long-Term Care Facilities

PLANNING AND COMMUNICATING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL ENSURE RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO VOTING.



Things to consider:

- Which staff will help residents exercise their right to vote?
- Often the voter will want a friend or family member to assist them. The resident has the right to choose who that person is who helps them vote.
- The facility will need to have a plan to facilitate voting in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. **COVID concerns do not supersede the resident's Constitutional right to vote.**

Things to communicate:

- To residents - voting options and how the facility can help.
- To family - the facility's procedures to help residents vote.

What are the needs and goals of each resident?

- October 13 is the voter registration deadline. Are there residents who want to vote but are not registered?
- Are there residents who need help getting photo identification?
- How many residents need help completing a voter registration form or applying to vote by mail (advance ballot)?
- How many residents need assistance marking their ballot and who within the facility can help residents? Do they know how to help without influencing the resident's choice?
- How many residents need someone to help them complete their ballot?
- How many residents want to vote in person? Will the facility provide transportation?

Important dates to know:

- Voter registration deadline is **October 13**.
- Early in-person voting may begin **October 14** and no later than **October 27**. Which polling places are open for early voting?
- Advance voting ballots will be mailed to those who apply beginning **October 14** and must be postmarked on or before election day. The deadline to submit advance voting applications is **October 27**.

Questions? Call 800-262-8683 or visit sos.ks.gov. People with disabilities and seniors who are denied the right to vote may call the Disability Rights Center of Kansas at 877-776-1541. Anyone concerned about residents' right to vote can contact the Kansas Long-Term Care Ombudsman at lto@ks.gov, 877-662-8362 or 785-296-3017.

