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 ltco@ks.gov, 877-662-8362 or 785-296-3017.