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Non-Partisan Voting Guide from VAAC

It is the mission of Voting Access for All to ensure that all persons in pretrial situations, individuals about to be released from prison, and those formerly incarcerated, along with their families and community members have the opportunity and knowledge they need to exercise their right to vote in every election.

This voting guide is meant to accompany our video

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If you have any questions or need any assistance, call 855-VOTE311 (855-868-3311) or email: VotingHelpline@gmail.com. Someone will respond within 24 hours.

1. Election Dates

- Primary Election: August 4, 2020
- General Election: November 3, 2020

2. Register to vote

- Find out if you are registered [here](#)
- Register **online** [here](#) if you have both a Michigan driver's license and know the last four digits of your social security number.
- Register **with a paper form** using only one form of ID, either the last four numbers of your SSN, **or** your Michigan state ID/drivers licence number.
- Download a paper Voter Registration Form [here](#).
- To have a Voter Registration Form **mailed** to you with an envelope and return postage, email VotingHelpline@gmail.com (or call 855-VOTE311).
- This form must get to your [clerk's office](#) 15 days before the election.
- You may register **in person** at your clerk's office anytime using alternative identification. After July 20/October 19, you **must** register in person at your clerk's office .

3. Voting Absentee

Apply for a ballot application:

- Apply **online** if you have *both* a driver's license and the last four numbers of your social security number. [Online Absentee Ballot Application](#)
- Apply *with a form* if you have either the last four numbers of your social security number or your driver's license.
- Get an absentee ballot *at your clerk's office* in person until election day

Fill out your ballot application

- You can choose to vote in the August election, the November election or both elections
- You can also choose to be on the Permanent List and get an absentee ballot application sent to you before every election

Get your absentee ballot **application** to your [clerk](#) early.

- **Online** absentee ballot applications will get to your clerk right away
- **Mail or email** a photo of your application forms
- Or **drop it off** at your clerk's office.

VOTE with an absentee ballot:

- Read and follow all instructions on the ballot, e.g. use a black or blue pen.
- You must remember to put your signature on the **outside** of the envelope.
- You do not have to vote for every candidate or proposal but make sure you go to the *end of the ballot* to see all your options.

Return your ballot:

- Or **drop it off** at your [clerk's](#) office up until election day.
- **By mail:** Mail your ballot early to your [clerk's office](#) (**recommend 10 days before election**)
- Write or call if you need stamps mailed to you at toll-free phone: 855-VOTE311 (or 855-868-3311) or email: VotingHelpline@gmail.com

4. Vote in person at the clerk's office

- Vote within 45 days of the election at the [clerk's](#) office

5. Voting in person on Election Day

- Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on election day. If you are in line by 8 PM you are allowed to vote.
- [Find your polling place here.](#)
- You do not have to have a picture ID. Know your options: [Guide to ID at the polls](#)

6. Learn about the candidates and ballot issues at [vote411.org](#)

- [Vote411.org](#) is a League of Women Voters website that provides non-partisan information about the candidates and ballot proposals that will appear on your ballot.

7. To receive a reminder before every election go to [Turbovote.org](#)

8. Questions

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- [Secretary of State Voter Information Center](#)

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