This election cycle, I would like to receive news about the following:

Yes  No  Don’t Know

This election cycle, I prefer to receive news via the following:

Radio  Internet  Social Media

Newspaper  Television  Magazines/Newsletters

Nearby candidate forums  Televised debates  Events in the community  Activities at the facility

I would like assistance finding a satellite station.

I would like assistance requesting an absentee ballot.

I would like to request adaptive technology.

Election Information and Help Resources

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

One of our most influential powers as citizens is exercising our right to vote, but with this power comes a civic responsibility to consider our options and make informed decisions.

In today’s fast-paced society, it can be difficult to keep up with issues and current events without spending hours sifting through articles, news reports and websites to find the most accurate information. For residents and tenants in long-term care, there are often additional obstacles related to the process of voting, including finding documents for voter registration, understanding the voting process and voting options and accessing reliable, unbiased information about the issues and candidates on the ballot.

DEVELOP A VOTING ASSISTANCE PLAN

A voting assistance plan is a great tool to assist residents and tenants in long-term care facilities keep up with election deadlines associated with voting. The plan can help facility staff and caregivers vote on behalf of residents by reviewing information: the types of media he/she wishes to consume or vote and whether the person is able to participate in the political process and voting (e.g., going to five forums to hear from candidates, understanding results showing portion, etc.). The goal is simply to ensure that the rights, wishes of residents and tenants are promoted and protected.

By developing a voting assistance plan, you can work with your facility’s staff and your loved ones to arrange for any assistance you may need in order to participate in the political arena and vote. If you prefer to vote by absentee ballot, you may need help determining the timing of any mailings to register, paying for postage, procedures for requesting a ballot and submitting it. Registered voters can vote online. If you prefer to vote at your designated county precinct during scheduled hours, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on or after that Friday, you may need help determining the timing of elections, understanding deadlines associated with voting. The plan can also help facility staff to get there. A voting assistance plan can help you identify areas of systemic issues among residents, facilities, and families and advocates and others, with the goal of helping those residents and tenants in particular, voting is a point of pride. We encourage you to vote on Election Day.
**TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:**

**In-person Registration:**
- Go to one of the over 700 general election precincts in the county where you reside.
- Present a photo ID from the list above.
- The election official (poll worker) will fill out your registration form.

**By Mail:**
- Complete the voter registration form and mail it to your county auditor's office.
- If you are a new voter, your card will be sent within 10 days; if you are already registered, your card will be sent at least 10 days before an election.
- You may specify whether you want to vote by absentee ballot on the form.

**TWO WAYS TO VOTE:**

**Early Voting (by Absentee Ballot):**
Iowa has special provisions for absentee ballots for individuals who live in a designated healthcare facility or who are currently residing in a hospital. If you choose to vote by absentee ballot, your absentee ballot request form must be received in the county auditor's office by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on Sunday, Saturday, or Monday before Election Day, contact your county auditor directly to request an absentee ballot.

**In-person Voting (at Precinct):**
You will sign the voter registration card and have your name entered into the voter registration database. You will also receive an absentee ballot. To vote in person, you must present a photo ID from the list above and sign the registration card. Remember, you can change your mind later if you want to vote by absentee. To vote in person on Election Day is now the “last chance” to cast your ballot each election cycle. dancer that you may want to vote in person on Election Day to participate in the political process, remember that you may ask someone to assist you in signing your voter registration form and ballot (or sign on your behalf) as long as it is in your presence and with your permission. You are the one who decides how and where you want to vote. Remember, you can change your mind later if you want to vote in a different fashion. Making a plan just ensures you don’t miss important deadlines for each option.

**Absentee Voting:**
If you are incarcerated, healthcare facility or who are currently residing in a hospital. If you choose to vote by absentee ballot, your absentee ballot request form must be received in the county auditor’s office by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday before Election Day, contact your county auditor directly to request an absentee ballot.

**VOTE IN IOWA**
**REGISTERING TO VOTE IN IOWA**

Before you can cast a ballot, you must be registered to vote in Iowa. Each election cycle, it’s a good idea to verify that your registration is up-to-date to prevent delays when you’re ready to vote. You don’t have to register to vote in each election, but you do have to update your information if you’ve changed your name or moved since the last time you voted.

The Iowa Secretary of State’s website has a tool to quickly look up your registration status and Election Day polling location. You can also call your county auditor for assistance verifying your registration.

**UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS**
Updating your address does not change your registration status and it does not result in a new registration card being sent. Your registration status will remain the same.

You must update your address in one of the following ways:

- You must update your address in your voter registration information if you move:
  - To a different county in Iowa
  - Within the same county in Iowa

For same-day voter registration, you will need to present your voter registration card, photo ID, and sign the card immediately before voting.

If the completed voter registration form is sent at least 10 days before a general election, the auditor will send a voter registration card within two weeks.

- You need not wait for the card to vote, however. The registration card is useful because it shows your general election precinct location, but you do not need this card to actually vote.

**SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION**
You may register to vote on Election Day during regular Tuesday hours by completing the same-day registration election by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. If you were admitted to a health care facility or hospital on the Saturday, Sunday or Monday before Election Day, contact your county auditor directly to request an absentee ballot.

**SATELLITE STATION VOTING:**
In addition to voting by mail or at designated precinct polling sites on Election Day, Iowans can also vote during a special “early vote” period within their county auditor’s office or satellite stations set up around the state. When you go to a satellite station, you are actually just casting an absentee ballot at the voting site, but some prefer this method over using the mail because it feels more like traditional voting. However, some counties do not offer satellite stations, so it is important to check with your county auditor’s office to see if this option is available.

**VOTER BENEFITS:**
- Voting is free.
- Voting is private.
- Voting is convenient.
- Voting is secure.

**VOTING ARRANGEMENTS:**
- You may need to show identification which shows your name and current address.
- If your identification doesn’t have your address, you can use any one of the following as proof of identity (who you are). A current driver’s license is the most common method, but not the only one.

**IDENTITY:**
Acceptable forms of identification include any of the following (as long as it is current, valid, and has your photo and signature):
- Driver’s license or non-operator ID card from Iowa or another state
- U.S. passport or military ID card; or
- Employee-issued ID card

**RESIDENCE:**
- If your identification doesn’t have your address, you can use any one of the following as proof of residency (as long as it is shown on your current name and address):
  - Utility bill
  - Bank statement or paycheck
  - Government-issued ID or ID card
  - Tax statement or
  - Residential lease.

**PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE**
In order to pre-register to vote, a voter must complete a voter registration form. The form is available to download on the Iowa Secretary of State’s website, or by calling (515) 281-2504. If a voter is not physically able to sign the form, he/ she may use a mark or stamp or may ask someone to sign his/her name. Another person may only sign for the voter at the request of and in the presence of the voter.

**ELECTION RESULTS AND STATISTICS**
- Iowa law requires all polling places to be accessible to all voters. This includes the accessibility of the voting area, as well as all parking areas, buildings and building components.
- Each polling place has at least one Audio/visual device capable of printing a paper ballot. It also helps voters who are blind and those who have difficulty reading the ballot.
- If a voter is not physically able to vote, he/she may sign the form by having someone sign it on the voter’s behalf.
- The registration card is useful because it shows your general election precinct location, but you do not need this card to actually vote.

**GENERAL ELECTION PREPARATION**
- You must register to vote in each election, but you do have to update your information if you’ve changed your name or moved since the last time you voted.
- UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS
- The Iowa Secretary of State’s website has a tool to quickly look up your registration status and Election Day polling location. You can also call your county auditor for assistance verifying your registration.
- UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS
- Your voter registration must reflect your current address. The process for updating your registration depends on where you moved.

**IF YOU MOVED WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY IN IOWA:**
- You may only need to report a simple change of address at the polling place where you voted.

**IF YOU MOVED TO A DIFFERENT COUNTY IN IOWA:**
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**Under Iowa law, a bipartisan team of election officials must deliver the absentee ballot to voters in facilities. The county auditor will notify you when the team will be delivering the ballot. If you will not be available, you may request a more convenient time.**

**When the officials arrive with your absentee ballot, they must wait while you read it to them or send it to the election office. Others may be present while you mark your ballot. If you choose. If you need help marking your ballot, your may also have someone assist you, including the election officials. You must notify election officials if you choose not to have someone assist you.**

**Election Day Voting (at Precinct):**
Voting in person on Election Day is now the “last chance” to cast your ballot each election cycle. To vote in person, call your county auditor or use the Secretary of State’s online tool. The location is also printed on your voter registration card, but it never hurts to double-check before arranging for transportation or leaving for your polling place.

**VOTER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE:**
Voters are the ones who decide how and where you want to vote. Remember, you can change your mind later if you want to vote in a different fashion. Making a plan just ensures you don’t miss important deadlines for each option.

**ELECTION DATES & DETAILS:**
**Election Day:**
- Mailing Hours: You can vote by absentee ballot or in-person on Election Day.
- Early Voting in Iowa begins:**
- Debate Dates: Many debates and candidate forums are also held throughout the fall. Keep an eye on non-partisan resources to find information on local candidates and ballot issues.

**HELPFUL RESOURCES**
- **COUNTY AUDITOR PHONE NUMBER:**
- **SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE:**
- **VOTER HOTLINE:** 1-888-SOS-VOTE (707-8083)

**THREE WAYS TO VOTE:**

**VOTER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE:**
Voters have the right to vote privately and without interference. If you choose to vote by absentee ballot, your absentee ballot request form must be received in the county auditor’s office by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. You may also ask someone to assist you in signing your voter registration form and ballot (or sign on your behalf) as long as it is in your presence and with your permission. Remember, you can change your mind later if you want to vote in a different fashion. Making a plan just ensures you don’t miss important deadlines for each option.

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