

Important Information for the Upcoming November Election

The November election is approaching fast! Residents have a right to participate as much or as little as they want to. If a resident does not want to vote, that is okay. Here are some helpful tips and deadlines to be aware of as residents exercise their right to vote.

According to the Ohio Secretary of State, Early In-Person voting begins **October 6th**.

Early In-Person voting offers many benefits for residents, such as:

- Access to trained and knowledgeable election officials that can answer questions accurately and provided appropriate assistance per the qualified disabled voter's request.
- Curb-side voting – must call ahead to schedule
- 75 years or older and/or disabled may move to the front of the line
- Seated and wheelchair accessible booths
- Accessible voting machines for visual and hearing deficits

If a resident wishes to vote but is unable to attend early voting in person, please contact your local county board of elections today. This will enable you to meet deadlines and schedule a visit from your county board of elections per Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3509.08(A).

It is important to remember that you may have residents who do not wish to participate or are unable to participate in the voter registration or absentee ballot request process because of cognitive impairment. It is unlawful for anyone to fill out a ballot request for such residents. A Texas social worker was arrested for submitting voter registration applications without voter consent and an employee at a care facility in Michigan was sentenced to jail for forging signatures on absentee ballot requests.

It is important for ALFs to weigh their role carefully. Evaluate your current use of all official election services, such as the county board of elections, to ensure you are fully supporting your residents. Only with continued strong leadership can ALFs safeguard their most vulnerable residents.

It is also important to always verify information with your local county board of elections, as sometimes rules and laws change. You may locate your supervisor's office at: [Ohio County Board of Elections Directory](#)

For questions or to request your complimentary *Ohio Voting Assistance Legal Guide*, please contact Laura.Williams@centerforvulnerablevoters.org

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