Chaos, COVID-19, and Accessible Elections

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In Person Voting

• Vote by mail does not work for everyone.

• Maintain in person voting to the greatest extent possible.

• Follow CDC and other safety guidelines.
In Person Voting

• We understand there will not be enough polling places.

• We agree that residential facilities should not serve.

• Polling locations still must be ADA compliant.
In Person Voting

• Maintain proximity to previous locations and transit whenever possible.

• Temporary modifications to polling places will be critical.

• Allow curbside voting everywhere.
Remote Voting

• Allow all voters to opt for absentee, mail in, remote voting.

• Extend the deadlines as much as possible.

• Drop requirements for witnessed signatures, notarized signatures, etc.
Remote Voting

• Provide absentee ballots with self-sealing, prepaid envelopes for ballot return.

• Include accessibility information in the ballot package.

• Establish additional drop sites for completed absentee ballots.
Remote Voting

• Allow all voters to use remote accessible vote by mail and electronic balloting systems.

• Allow any designated voter assistant to pick up the voter’s absentee ballot and return the voter’s completed absentee ballot.
For More...


• Find our member organization in your state/territory: https://www.ndrn.org/about/ndrn-member-agencies/
2020 Election Plan

• All voters are different. Give them “everything but the kitchen sink.”

• Have a robust voter education//notification plan, with multiple accessible formats.