

# NextGen: Responds to new COVID-19 cases tied to in-person voting

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**Madison, WI** - Republicans forced in-person voting during a statewide lockdown, and now [19 Wisconsinites have contracted coronavirus](#) as a result. In response, NextGen Wisconsin is taking concrete steps to protect residents' right to vote safely.

"The public health consequences of blocking mail-in and absentee voting during a global pandemic are life or death. Young people should be able to vote without risking their lives," said **NextGen Wisconsin State Director Christina Carvalho**. "The stakes couldn't be higher. We must establish universal mail-in voting for future elections."

NextGen Wisconsin recently held a digital town hall on universal vote-by-mail and started a petition to expand vote-by-mail access through November. The state's largest youth voter outreach group will continue to promote just and safe elections throughout its summer program.