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August 11 Election: Resources for Voters with Disabilities

Voters with disabilities are historically underrepresented at the polls, and COVID-19 has created additional barriers. The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is working to advance full participation of voters with disabilities and to provide guidance on how to safely vote during the pandemic.

A record number of voters with disabilities have chosen to vote absentee, due to concerns about COVID 19. On Election Day, voters may deliver their absentee ballots directly to their normal polling place, but ballots must arrive before polls close at 8 PM. For those voting at the polls, the Disability Vote Coalition encourages voters to wear a mask, and check their polling place in advance as it may have changed. To ensure that our voting process is accessible to all, voters with disabilities have the right to request accommodations, such as the following:

- **Curbside voting** is available if a voter cannot enter the polling place due to a disability. Two poll workers will bring a ballot to the voter, and conduct voting at their vehicle, or at the polling place entrance. Proof of residence must be provided if a voter is not registered. Proof of identification must be provided.
- **If a voter inside the polling location cannot sign the poll list** due to a physical disability, they should inform a poll worker. The poll worker will write "Exempt by order of inspectors" in the signature space on the poll list.
- **An accessible voting machine will be available at every polling place.** This machine will allow voters to independently mark the ballot. These machines will be set up to allow voters who use a wheelchair to reach the controls, and have an audio ballot-marking option for voters with visual impairment.
- **If a voter needs help marking the ballot, they may have a person assist them.** That person does not need to be qualified to vote. The voter may not receive assistance from an employer or union representative.
- **The poll worker may ask voters to speak your name and address.** If a voter is unable to state their name and address, Wisconsin law allows voters to have poll workers or assistants of their choosing state their name and address on their behalf prior to receiving a ballot. Voters can also provide their information in writing to poll workers or assistants.
- **Other reasonable accommodations can be requested.** Speak to the chief inspector at your polling place.

The Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline is available to provide assistance with voting questions at 844-DIS-VOTE / 844-347-8683 or info@disabilityvote.org. In addition, voting resources are available on the Disability Vote Coalition website at disabilityvote.org.

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