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DVC Highlights Rides to the Polls Resource for November Election

As in-person voting continues across Wisconsin and Election Day voters begin to make their plans for the November 3 General Election, **the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition (DVC) is raising awareness of the [Rides to the Polls](#) resource available to Wisconsinites who may need assistance accessing transportation to their polling place on Election Day, an In-Person Absentee Voting (IPAV) site, or to the DMV to obtain an acceptable form of photo ID for voting purposes.** Rides to the Polls is a list maintained by DVC of transportation providers around the state who provide transportation for voting-related activities for people with disabilities and older adults. Individuals who are seeking transportation options can search the list for a provider in their area. Most transportation providers require advance notice for rides, so individuals should reach out to transportation providers to coordinate rides as soon as possible.

"Eligible voters, who are non-drivers due to disability, age, income, or other circumstances, face barriers in accessing the polls on Election Day or for early voting, due to a lack of publicly available and affordable transportation options. The organizations providing rides to the polls play a vital role in assuring voter access," shared Denise Jess, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, a DVC member organization.

Kyle Kleist, Executive Director of Compass IL, the Independent Living Center serving 10 counties in Western Wisconsin and another DVC member organization, stated, **"People with disabilities face many barriers in accessing the polls for both early voting and on Election Day. Most of our consumers live in rural areas with limited transportation and no way to vote in person. Our center, along with many other organizations, provides free rides to the polls for both early voting and on Election Day, which is vitally needed."**

Transportation providers who offer rides for voting purposes whose information is not included in the document or whose information needs to be updated are welcome and encouraged to [fill out this short form](#). Individuals who would like to volunteer to offer rides to the polls should reach out to local transportation providers to determine if they are accepting volunteers.

Individuals with questions about the Rides to the Polls or any other questions related to voting for individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683 (844-DIS-VOTE) or votingteam@drwi.org. (Please note: DRW does not offer rides or coordinate volunteers who want to offer rides.) Additional resources are also available on the [DVC Website](#).

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places. DVC is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and includes people with disabilities and over 40 community organizations.