Cities Vote Resource Library for COVID-19
Voter Engagement Resources

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many communities across the country—economically, emotionally, and electorally. As the most trusted level of government, city leaders have a unique ability to understand the challenges their residents face to safely and fairly participate in this year’s elections, including but not limited to the presidential election in November.

The Cities Vote team has gathered resources we hope will benefit you as you think through voter engagement, turnout, and protection strategies in the face of COVID-19. Below you will find resources from various partners and organizations whose work centers around voting.

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**Vote-By-Mail**

Many states are quickly pivoting to vote by mail or utilizing no excuse/universal absentee voting options in light of COVID-19. These efforts to expand voting from home may cause some challenging logistics at scale. Here are a few resources specific to Vote by Mail, including USPS mail kits and resources for digital signatures as well as some creative solutions to mail drops and other creative ways to leverage voting by mail for fair and safe elections.

1. Mail voting expected to explode during COVID-19: [https://rb.gy/zwd5c0](https://rb.gy/zwd5c0)
9. Expanding Vote By Mail during COVID-19: [https://www.nased.org/covid19](https://www.nased.org/covid19)
**In-Person Voting**

During the age of Social Distancing, many communities are concerned about the health risks and hazards of voting in person. As you think about the health and safety of your community members in upcoming elections, use these resources as a guide for your planning and other strategic efforts in the weeks ahead.

2. **Communities Trying To Protect Voters, Poll Workers**: [https://rb.gy/db9v9s](https://rb.gy/db9v9s)

**Board of Elections**

We know city and municipal leaders—often working in concert with county and state leaders and their Board of Elections—often find themselves serving as frontline communicators and implementers of elections. Local Elections officials also have the unique responsibility of directly managing poll workers, ensuring voter safety, and administering ballots. These resources will provide you with ways to continue keeping your elections safe during COVID-19.

1. **Meet with your local election officials**: [https://rb.gy/jg8vs7](https://rb.gy/jg8vs7)
2. **33 Ways Election Offices are Responding to COVID-19**: [https://rb.gy/a8srhq](https://rb.gy/a8srhq)

**Voter Registration and Engagement**

Voter registration has always been a critical piece of ensuring that elections remain safe, fair, and equitable access to the ballot box. COVID-19 makes these efforts even more important than ever before. These resources will provide you with ways to continue civic engagement and creating pathways to improving voter registration, voter turnout and voter education in your communities.


**State by State/ COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness**

Many states have existing plans governing elections in times of emergency and specifically for COVID-19. Organizations such as National Association of Secretaries of States, Election Assistance Commission, the National Conference of State Legislatures and Rock the Vote have compiled resources together about emergency management of elections, legislative actions and more, on state by state level.

5. NCSL Election Emergencies: https://rb.gy/hfe9zb

**Election Security**
Ensuring fair and safe elections this year will take increased vigilance to keep our elections safe from outside interference - whether that is online, by mail or in person. COVID-19 has amplified the existing need for attention to these issues, the resources below can help support you in building your election security infrastructure.