How to Register & Vote
Social Media Toolkit!

Share these sample social media posts, graphics, and information with your patients and colleagues to ensure everyone’s voices are heard in our upcoming election!
RESOURCES TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN OHIO

GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES

- **Election Date:** November 3, 2020
- **Registration Deadline:** October 5, 2020

How do I register?

- Registering to vote has never been so easy! Complete the online form at VoteOhio.gov or pick one up at any public library, BMV office, or JOB & Family Services office.
- Did you know you must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election? Be sure you're registered and make your voice count by registering by October 5th of this year! Complete or check your registration status at https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/

Absence Voting

- Vote while practicing social distance! All Ohio voters whose registration information is up-to-date are eligible to vote via absentee ballots. Absentee voting allows you to vote early and avoid the crowds and long lines at the polls on Election Day.
• Make sure you’re prepared and leaving yourself enough time if you plan on voting by absentee ballot this year! Ballots must be postmarked by the day before the election or submitted in-person to your county board of elections before the close of the polls in order to be counted.

**Steps to request absentee ballot:**

1. Complete the absentee ballot request form*
2. Once complete, print and sign the form.
3. Mail the request form back to your county board of elections.
4. Wait to receive your ballot in the mail from your county board of elections. If you have questions about your absentee ballot request, you should call your county board of elections or you can track the status of your ballot request as well as your voted absentee ballot through the Voter Toolkit.
5. Return your voted ballot. You can send it by U.S. Mail or deliver it in person to your county board of elections.

*To make sure your absentee ballot is counted, it must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day OR be postmarked by the day before Election Day.

**Additional Social Media Messaging for Sharing**

**Why should you vote?**

• Children, particularly from under-resourced communities, suffer when existing laws and policies endanger their access to vital resources and opportunities that shape their health. #VoteKids to champion the health of all children.
• Education, housing, food and environment play a huge role in children’s health and the overall health of a community. But kids can’t vote for improving their own health and their community. #VoteKids like children’s futures depend on it.
• The @AmerAcadPeds’ #GOTV campaign is focused on the connection between health equity and voting. States with a higher voter turnout have better access to healthcare. Voting helps disadvantaged groups use their power to achieve more equitable access to the resources and opportunities that drive good health. Learn more at aap.org/votekids #VoteKids

**How Pediatricians can help!**

• Children, particularly from under-resourced communities, suffer when existing laws and policies endanger their access to vital resources and opportunities that shape their health. Pediatricians can help mobilize their communities to elect lawmakers who will champion the health of all children. #VoteKids – their future depends on it.
• What does it mean to #VoteKids? Pediatricians can help mobilize peers, patients, and parents to vote because the health of all children depends on us! Visit aap.org/votekids to learn more.
- Kids can't vote, but pediatricians can! Find out how you can #VoteKids at aap.org/votekids. Their future depends on it
- The @AmerAcadPeds has partnered with @Vot_ER_org! Learn how pediatricians can help their communities register to vote at aap.org/votekids. #VoteKids

**Infographic**

**VOTE FOR THE HEALTH OF OHIO'S KIDS**

Voting helps health equity! Laws and policies can negatively affect disadvantaged groups, making it harder to access resources and opportunities to those already underserved. We need representatives who will champion the health and wellness of ALL of Ohio's kids!

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**Would you like to vote socially distant? Learn more about absentee voting by visiting:**

ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting/

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