



Sample Voter Outreach Script (6/30/2020)

This script can be used to help support your conversation with a community member about voter registration or absentee voting.

The Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline is a resource if you have questions or you may refer a voter to DRW:

- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:
1-844-DIS-VOTE or email info@disabilityvote.org

Start with a Question:

- Are you planning to vote in 2020?

Make a connection:

- Introduce yourself - I'm _____ with (name of your agency)
- Ask for their name

Explain why you're there:

2020 is an important election year, with elections August 11 and November 3. COVID 19 has made it harder for some folks to get registered to vote or to request an absentee ballot. We know our democracy works better when everyone participates. That's why we're encouraging you to take a few minutes to make sure you're registered and ready to vote.

Optional depending on timing: *We are calling you as part of National Disability Voter Registration Week (July 13-17)*

VOTER REGISTRATION

Q1: Are you registered to vote at your current address?

No, I'm not.

Would you like assistance with registering? I could assist you or you may get assistance (*if you are not providing assistance*) from:

- [Local League of Women Voters](#) if available in your area
- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline (844-DIS-VOTE)
- Myvote.wi.gov/

Or, would you like me to mail you a Voter Registration Application?

- Wisconsin Election Commission [Voter Registration Application](#)

(Assist them with registering or provide a referral)

Yes, I'm already registered.

Great! Have you moved recently? If you have, I can help you check to make sure your voter registration address is current.

(check on myvote.wi.gov and update if needed)

Not Sure

I can help with that. Let's check. (check on myvote.wi.gov and proceed from there)

Q2: Do you know which photo ID you're planning on using to vote?

Yes. I'll be using my...

Great!

No/I'm not sure

Do you have a Wisconsin Driver's License or/Wisconsin ID card?

If yes - great! You can use that.

If no - That's ok. There are other options available.

You can contact the Voter ID Helpline (608)285-2141 or the DRW Voter Hotline (844-DIS-VOTE). They can help you get what you need.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Q3: If the voter is registered to vote:

- **Have you requested an absentee ballot for the August and November elections?
Due to Covid-19, the Disability Vote Coalition is recommending voting absentee.**

Yes. I have requested an absentee ballot...

Great! Be sure to complete your ballot and return it as soon as possible. You will need to have someone witness your absentee ballot by signing and providing their address on the certificate envelope. The witness signature confirms the voter voted the ballot and placed it in the envelope for return. The witness must also be a U.S. citizen, 18 or older. This is a requirement for your vote to be counted. The witness should not look at your completed ballot.

No, I haven't requested an absentee application – how do I apply?

I can explain how to apply for an absentee ballot. I can assist you, or you can call the DRW Voter Hotline for assistance: 844-DIS-VOTE

- A voter can apply for their absentee ballot in-person in the clerk's office or the request can be made in writing by mail, or online at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee.

- You must provide a photo ID with your absentee ballot request if you have not submitted a copy of your photo ID for a previous request at your current address. If you are applying online at the MyVote website, you will need to upload a picture of your photo ID. Mobile phone users can take a picture and upload it to MyVote.
- If you are “**indefinitely confined**” due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability, you may certify this on your request and you will not need to submit a copy of your photo ID.
- If you mail your request, the request should state the election you are requesting an absentee ballot for, include the voter’s name, voting address, mailing address (if different than voting address). Include or attach a copy of your photo ID (if not previously provided) or indicate you are indefinitely confined. State if the ballot should be sent to you through the mail.
- You can mail your completed ballot if it is at least a week before Election Day. Otherwise, drop off your ballot at your polling place or at the clerk’s office. Check with your clerk for additional information. Some communities have drop boxes for absentee ballots.

If the voter would like to vote absentee and is not registered, you can suggest “in-person absentee voting”:

- Another option is to vote early at your local clerk’s office in advance of each election. This is also called “in-person absentee voting.” If you need to register to vote, you may do so at this time. Call your local clerk to get more information. Would you like me to look up the number for you on My Vote Wisconsin?

[Find My Municipal Clerk](#)

Q4: While we're talking, I also want to let you know about a couple of resources available to make voting easier.

1. The Disability Vote Coalition website has videos and fact sheets about voting to help with your questions.

disabilityvote.org/

You can also follow us on Facebook at

facebook.com/wisconsindisabilityvote/

2. If you **text LWVWI to 864237** you'll get text reminders for the upcoming elections.
3. The League of Women Voters website, VOTE411.org, provides non-partisan voting information. You can go there to see who will be on your ballot and all the other information about the election.

Q5: Do you have any questions about voting? (answer them if they do)

Note: **If you are not able to enter your polling place due to disability, you may request curbside voting.** Curbside voters are exempt from signing the pollbook. We recommend that you contact your Municipal Clerk in advance to determine the process to access curbside voting. You may also request other disability related accommodations such as chair to sit, signature guide, magnifying glass, assistance stating a person's name/address or assistance signing a person's name or marking a ballot.

If you have any questions about accessibility or accommodations, you may contact the DRW Voter Hotline: 844-DIS-VOTE.

Great! Again, thank you for your promise to vote this year.