

100 Days and 100 Ways to Get Ready for Election Day

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July 26 marks 100 days before the 2020 Election on November 3. As the League of Women Voters celebrates 100 years, and next month marks 100 years since the 19th Amendment was ratified, here are 100 ways to take action, get involved, and make a difference before Election Day! Everyone can do something—what will you do?



Get Ready to Vote

1. [Register to vote](#) or update your registration if you've moved or changed your name.
2. Michigan residents can [check their voter registration on line](#)! It's always good to check the information your local election official has on file for you.
3. Share an "I'm registered" image after registering, updating your registration, or checking your registration status and share widely on social media.
4. Ask 10 people you know if they're registered to vote or if they need to update their registration. Make it a community affair by ensuring your family and friends are prepared to vote.
5. Learn about [early and mail-in/absentee voting](#) in Michigan.

6. If you're eligible to vote by mail in your state, request your ballot by mail as early as you can.
7. Encourage your friends and family to request their mail-in ballot as early as possible if they're eligible to vote by mail in their state.
8. Check [VOTE411](#) to find your polling location, if you'll be voting in person.



9. Know someone who will be voting for the first time? Share our [First Time Voter Checklist](#) to help make sure they're prepared.
10. Find out who's funding the candidates running for office on your ballot. ([FollowTheMoney.org](#) is a good resource for this.)
11. Find out if any of the organizations you trust are endorsing any of the candidates on your ballot.
12. Use [VOTE411](#) to print out a list of your preferred candidates so you can take it to the polls with you to help speed up the voting process.
13. Share which candidates you're supporting with your friends and family. Share why!
14. Learn about the ballot measures, if any, you'll be voting on. Who's funding them? What organizations are supporting or opposing them?
15. Volunteer for an organization that is supporting or opposing a ballot measure you feel strongly about
16. Check about [ID needed to vote](#), or how you can vote without it in Michigan.
17. Sign up as an [organizational or individual partner](#) for National Voter Registration Day.

18. Have friends or family who speak Spanish? Let them know that [VOTE411.org is fully translated into Spanish](https://www.vote411.org) so they can find all the election information they need.
19. Return your ballot as soon as you can. Don't forget to sign and seal it, as required.
20. If returning your ballot by mail, make sure you added enough postage and return it by your state's deadline! Better yet – drop it off at your clerk's office before election day.
21. If you are voting in person, make an Election Day plan. Find your polling place. Decide when you're voting and how you're getting there.
22. Ask 10 friends and family to make an Election Day plan as well.
23. Remind your friends and family to sign and seal their ballot and return it as soon as possible.
24. Check polling hours. Know when the polls open and when they close.
25. Encourage your friends to vote early.
26. Secure the supplies you may need to protect yourself and others from COVID. The Center for Disease Control has great [guidance for voting safely](#).

Volunteer and Participate in Your Community

27. Reach out to your neighbors and friends to see if they need help mailing their ballot or getting to the polls.
28. Remind your networks we're fewer than 100 days to Election Day!
29. Research the candidates on your ballot. Find out who stands for what you care about!

FIND A LEAGUE

30. Sign up to volunteer with [your local League of Women Voters](#) and work to help voters!

31. Talk to your friends and family about the issues you're prioritizing this year.
32. Donate to a candidate or ballot measure you believe in!
33. Watch a candidate debate and talk to your friends about it.
34. Host a debate watch party for friends and family on Zoom! Watch the debate and discuss it afterward.
35. Ask your employer to provide paid time off for employees to vote.
36. If you are a business owner, give your employees paid time off to vote.
37. Check in with a young person in your life. Are they registered? Do they need help voting?
38. Connect with a local campaign or nonpartisan organization and sign up to make phone calls, hang door hangers, write postcards, or otherwise help get out the vote!
39. Host a virtual postcard writing party to encourage registered voters to vote.
40. Order a yard sign or bumper sticker to support the candidates and issues you care about.
41. Talk to kids about voting. Research shows, early exposure matters!
42. See or hear a problem with voting in your area? Call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE for help.
43. Volunteer to be an election observer through a local campaign or nonpartisan organization.
44. Learn the difference between a poll worker and an election observer!
45. Read a book/article about civil rights or voting rights.
46. Now watch a movie about civil or voting rights!
47. Read about how the 19th Amendment left behind many women, including black women, from equal voting opportunities.
48. Volunteer, protest, donate, and make your voice heard on racial justice issues in your community.

50. Buy a voting themed shirt or face mask. Wear it proudly!
51. Fill out your [US Census Form!](#)
52. Make sure your friends and family also fill out their Census forms!
53. Write to your local newspaper about why voting matters to you. Share your story!
54. Encourage your friends and family to be poll workers.
55. Reach out to your neighbors and support a community nonprofit that strengthens your community—volunteer at a food bank, help neighbors who can't get groceries during the pandemic, or mentor kids who want to explore new fields.
56. Make your neighborhood a friendlier place—reach out to new neighbors, let them know where the local polling place is, and get them involved in the local community.
57. Make sure your vulnerable neighbors are protected! Reach out to local organizations that protect the rights of women, refugees, people of color, LGBTQIA, children, the poor, and anyone who feels left out or at the margins of your community.
58. Donate to their causes.
59. Break down barriers. Get to know your neighbors of different faiths, ethnic backgrounds, or races.
60. Join a community group for cross-cultural dialogue.
61. Get to know your local YWCA, Boys and Girls Club, or community center where you can mentor or tutor kids. Let them know that they should register to vote when they are 18!
62. Reach out to your local senior center and make sure their residents are registered to vote and have the information they need to safely participate in the upcoming election.
63. Suggest that local teenagers and college students learn how to [register to vote on-line](#) (available in Michigan!)
64. Do you know military personnel or US Citizens stationed or living abroad? Remind them that [their vote counts, too!](#)

65. Learn about [redistricting and gerrymandering](#) and how it undermines democracy.
66. Join the [People Powered Fair Maps™](#) campaign as a volunteer to stop gerrymandering.

Celebrate Important Dates

67. Celebrate the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on August 6.
68. Honor 100 years of the 19th Amendment on August 18 by thinking about how far we've come in the last century—and how far we still have to go.
69. Celebrate Women's Equality Day on August 26! Check out how your community is honoring the day.
70. Make a note: October 24 is [Vote Early Day](#). Encourage your friends and family to vote early!
71. If you are [a citizen living abroad or a military service member or family](#), request your absentee ballot ASAP, but no later than your state's deadline.
72. If you are a citizen living abroad or a military service member or family that requested an absentee ballot by your state's deadline but you won't receive your regular ballot in time to send it back before the election, [you can vote using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot \(FWAB\)](#).
73. Celebrate Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020!
74. Celebrate the first-time voters in your family! Bake an "I Voted" cake, take a photo with your new voter, and share on social media!

Contact Your Officials

75. Let your Senator know you would like to see the Equal Rights Amendment passed. [Reach out to your Senator now and urge them to support legislation to remove the ERA's ratification deadline.](#)
76. Demand action from Congress to protect the 2020 election. Ensure voting remains fair, accessible, and safe. Voters should not have to choose

between their health and their vote. Call your Senators today at 1-888-415-4527 to ask them to include \$4 billion in funding to secure our elections in the next stimulus package ([or fill out our contact form](#)).

77. [Stand up for DC Statehood](#). Residents in DC deserve full representation in Congress. More than 700,000 residents live in DC, which is more than that of Wyoming and Vermont, yet its residents still lack voting members in the U.S. House and Senate. Without these voting members, residents of DC are denied a voice in Congress to defend them from attacks on their own locally passed laws and citizen backed initiatives.



78. Contact your local elections officials to find out what their plan is to ensure a safe voting environment this fall.
79. If your officials don't have a plan to ensure a safe voting experience, demand a plan. If they do have a plan, share the plan throughout your community.
80. Contact your state officials to find out what they're doing to lower the risk of COVID-19 spread by expanding early and mail-in voting options and eliminating witness or notarization requirements, where required.
81. If they're doing nothing, demand they take steps to protect voters' and poll workers' rights such as: implementing no-excuse absentee voting or adding "health concerns" as an acceptable excuse, mailing all voters a prepaid absentee ballot request form, increasing the numbers of polling places, increasing the number of early voting locations, expanding the hours early voting locations are open.

Spread the Word!

82. Make a 15-second video about voting and why it is important!

83. Share information online about an issue of concern to you—gun violence, a local dump, long lines to vote.
84. Use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and TikTok to remind everyone to check their registration and vote. Be creative!
85. [Add this Facebook frame to your profile picture](#) to remind people to register to vote!
86. Share on social media that you pledge to vote this November.
87. Take an “I Voted” selfie after casting your early, mail-in, or Election Day ballot! Post it on social media.
88. Use [this Facebook frame](#) to share that you've cast your ballot!
89. Post an "I Vote Because..." image on Facebook or Instagram about why you're voting this year.
90. Follow the candidates on social media—ask them about issues important to you!
91. If a candidate hasn't responded to the League's questions on VOTE411.org, encourage them to do so through social media.
92. Participate in (or watch recordings of) virtual town halls and ask your elected officials about voting by mail and early voting.
93. Post an image on Facebook or Instagram regarding why you're going to be a poll worker or election observer this year.
94. Text your friends instructions on how they can register people to vote.
95. Post a picture or video of you mailing your ballot!
96. Host a virtual BYOB (Bring Your Own Ballot) party. You and your friends and family can talk through the choices on your ballots and make sure you're all signing and sealing your ballots, as required.
97. Post information about your local polling location on your neighborhood listserv or Nextdoor group.
98. Michigan has Same-day or Election Day registration at your local clerk's office. Make sure your friends on social media know so they can take advantage of this if they missed their voter registration deadline.

99. [Spread the word about VOTE411.org](#), every voter's one-stop-shop for the election information they need.
100. [Share this article on Twitter](#) and get more people involved ahead of November 3!

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