

It's Your Turn to Help Shape the Future

[Disability Scoop](#) reports that in the 2018 election
20% of the voters were from disability households.
We are a powerful constituency!



**Don't Let Covid-19 Stop You from Voting in the
Primary Election June 2!
VOTE REMOTE**

ILO families speak about why it is so important to VOTE
REMOTE and how to do that in Maryland and DC.

View the video: <https://youtu.be/tAn4CMFzJnI>

Are you an adult with disabilities living in Maryland or DC?

**Do you want to elect candidates who support more affordable housing, transportation,
healthcare, jobs, and Internet access so you can become more financially independent?**

This guide was designed for you!

Find out how easy it is to:

- Register to vote
- Request an absentee ballot
- Vote remotely
- Get help if you need it



We Vote Remote

A Non-Partisan Advocacy Group

See how 8 ILO families are working to ensure all ILO Self-Advocates, as well as other disabled adults in Maryland and DC, have the opportunity to vote safely, and with help if needed.



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We Are Proud to Vote Remote

Self-Advocate Affirmations

- We understand better than most how important it is for us to advocate for ourselves.
- We value our families, our friends, our lives, and our independence.
- We recognize the importance of social distancing and keeping ourselves safe right now by not being in public spaces.
- We know our well-being depends upon the decisions our leaders make and that those decisions will impact our future quality of life, health, and happiness.
- We reserve the right to help choose who will make those decisions. *We vote remote!*

Voting in the Primaries – The Basics

What is a primary?

A primary is the selection of candidates for federal, state, and local general elections. It allows you to choose the candidate from your party (democratic, republican, libertarian, or Green statehood (in DC), for President, Congress, Council members and other local offices.

Why vote in a primary?



- It helps you choose the people who will go on the ballot who may be making the decisions about your needs and your community's needs in the future.
- It's a great trial run if you've never voted before.
- It helps you learn more about the issues and the candidates before the election in November.



Why remote vote?

- Maryland is a "mail in" election. If you are registered they will mail the ballot to you.
- Both Maryland and DC are doing all they can to minimize crowds in public spaces so they both recommend remote voting.
- You don't have to stand in line, worry about transportation, or about germs!

What you need to do – in 4 easy steps:

Step #	Task	 DC Website: www.dcboe.org 202-741-5283 App: vote4dc.com	 Maryland Website: elections.maryland.gov 1-800-222-8683
1	Register <input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if you are registered to vote. <input type="checkbox"/> If not, register to vote.	<p>Am I registered (DC)? Deadline: May 12 (passed) (at a Voter Center 5/22-6/2)</p> <p>Check if you are registered by clicking on the link above or calling the DC Board of Elections Office at 202-741-5283.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you <u>didn't</u> register to vote by May 12, 2020 you still can register in person at a Voter Center from, Friday, May 22 through Election Day, June 2, 2020. https://www.dcboe.org/FAQS/Voter-Registration. 	<p>Am I registered (MD)? Deadline: May 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check if you are registered by clicking on the link above or calling the DC Board of Elections Office at 1-800-222-8683. <p>https://www.elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html</p>
2	Request an Absentee Ballot <input type="checkbox"/> Review the sample ballot online. <input type="checkbox"/> Look in the mail for your ballot.	<p>DC is strongly encouraging voting by mail. You must request your mail-in/absentee ballot by Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Deadline: May 26</p> <p>DC Voter Guide Request Form: https://www.dcboe.org/dcboe/media/PDFFiles/Voter-Guide-4-16-2020-Final-4.pdf (See page 52 for the request form and self-addressed, postage-paid envelope.)</p> <p>You can request a ballot request form by emailing: DCabsentee@cdboe.org or by calling 202-741-5283.</p>	<p>For the 2020 Primary Election, a ballot will automatically be mailed to all registered and eligible voters.</p> <p>If you are registered to vote, you do NOT need to request an absentee ballot – you will automatically get one in the mail.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make your choices on your paper ballot being sure to follow the directions for how to mark the paper (they are very picky about that!) <input type="checkbox"/> Or . . . use the app. <p>(If you need help, ask! (friend, family member, neighbor, care-giver))</p> <p>SPECIAL NOTE: The deadline is June 2 but please try to mail it as soon as you can after you get it. That will ensure that it gets there in time and that corrections can be made if needed (forgotten signature).</p>	<p>Your ballot arrives!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You may vote and mail-in your ballot as soon as you receive it. To be counted, it must be postmarked on or before by Election Day, June 2. • If you need assistance completing your ballot please have the person assisting you complete the following form and submit it with your ballot. https://www.dcboe.org/dcboe/media/PDFFiles/Signature-Attestation-Form.pdf • After you mail your absentee/ mail-in ballot you can track it by going to: https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Absentee-Voting/Track-Absentee-Ballot 	<p>Vote by Mail Overview and Instructional Video: https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html#video</p> <p>Ballots will start arriving in mailboxes in early May and continue arriving until mid-May.</p> <p>Voted ballots must be postmarked on or before June 2, 2020.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Mail It – Nail It!</p> <p>Mail it back using the envelope provided! (no postage necessary) – or, use the app.</p> <p>(Make sure to sign the back of the envelope if required.)</p>	<p>Deadline: June 2</p> <p>App: vote4dc.com</p>	<p>Deadline: June 2</p>

Having Someone Assist You with Voting Remotely

Why ask for help?



- I'm disabled or unable to read or write.
- I've never done this before.
- I'm confused!
- I physically can't do this.
- I think I might need help.

You can use help:

1

To request an absentee ballot

2

To Vote

Who is allowed to help you?

- A candidate on your ballot? NO!
- Your employer?..... NO!
- A union official where you work?..... NO!
- Friend, family member or caregiver? YES!

Requirements of the person helping you:

- The person helping you **must mark the ballot according to what you want marked** (not what they want to mark).
- The person helping you **cannot try to influence your vote**.
- The person helping you **must complete the Certification of Person Assisting Absentee Voter** (which comes with the ballot) and it must be returned with your completed ballot.

Top 10 Reasons to *Vote Remote*

10. You're a huge NASCAR fan! (Not a valid response!)
9. You are an American citizen over 18 years of age.
8. You are a hater of COVID-19 germs.
7. You're a huge WWE fan! (Again, not a valid response – did you fall for this again?)
6. You are a “hoping to be, soon to be, kinda, or very independent adult” and
7. recognize that voting is a responsibility for independent adults.
5. You want to be able to point out to all your friends and family that you were right after the elections.
4. You don't like standing in long lines or taking public transportation.
3. You know you matter. You've known that all along. And, you want your voice to be heard.
2. You know how really important voting is for America today, and in the future.
1. You want the needs of all disabled people to be recognized by those who make policies, create budgets, and decide on programs that can help disabled individuals.

**YOU
ROCK!**



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Care Enough to Like and Share!

Facebook

→ **Like** the “We Vote Remote” and ILO Facebook pages:

- ILO: <https://www.facebook.com/ilonow.org>
- WVR: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteRemote/>

→ Then, invite ALL your friends and family on Facebook to **Like** those pages (look for the Invite button on your Facebook page)

- ILO: <https://www.facebook.com/ilonow.org>
- WVR: <https://www.facebook.com/VoteRemote/>



Invite your friends to like this Page

→ **Copy** the link of the We Vote Remote YouTube video your Facebook page and ask your friends to share.

- <https://youtu.be/tAn4CMFzJnI>

You Tube

→ Subscribe on the YouTube video page: <https://youtu.be/tAn4CMFzJnI>

Instagram

- ILO IGTV We Vote Remote Episode 1:
<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CAETW2gBgIx/?igshid=1cofu01qlt655>
- ILO: <https://instagram.com/integratedlivingopportunities?igshid=1wp7cx31mr5db>
- WVR: https://instagram.com/we_vote_remote?igshid=st78bg0x71cd

Twitter

- ILO: Check out ILO (@info_ilo): https://twitter.com/info_ilo?s=09
- WVR: (@we_vote_remote) https://twitter.com/we_vote_remote?s=09

LinkedIn

- ILO: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/integrated-living-opportunities>