The webinar will begin shortly

Use the Q&A box to send us your questions. Recording and slides will be sent within a week.
COVID-19 & Policy Options for Expanding Mail-in Ballots this November
Founded in 2005, Nonprofit VOTE partners with America’s nonprofits to help the people they serve participate and vote. We are the leading source of nonpartisan resources to help nonprofits integrate voter engagement into their ongoing activities and services.
• Current status of vote by mail/absentee voting in US
• Mechanics of getting vote by mail right
• Ensuring elections are accessible to all: Lessons from Washington Secretary of State
• Funding for COVID-related election expenses: Resources from the EAC
• Q&A

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Delivering Democracy

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The time to act is now

Ensure every voter can vote in a safe way

Decisive action & immediacy

Political leadership
Challenges
This unprecedented crisis requires extraordinary creativity.

- Ensure every voter can vote
- Avoid public spaces & crowds
- Adjust election administration to this new reality
- Timing
- Political will
- Significant Reduction in Pollworkers
Introductory Video
States with blended policies in the Step 3 – 4 – 5 range.

UT 100% VAH in 2019
HI 100% in 2020
CA targeting 2022/24

NE has 11 counties on 100% VAH for 2020

ND has 30 counties using 100% mailed-out ballot voting

OH sends absentee request forms to all 8M voters, for some elections

MI, MN & PA have a permanent absentee list, but periodically send request forms, not ballots, to voters

AL, KS, & WI offer permanent absentee status to voters with disabilities

DC offers Step 4 to its voters
2020 Turnout* as of 3/17 Primaries

*Percentage of state-reported registered voters. SC & VA not included since they do not capture party affiliation and were only running a D primary. So there is no way to determine the denominator.

100% Vote at Home  >66% Vote by mailed-out ballot  Predominately polling place
2 Ways to Actually Implement an Expansion

Option 1: Centralize or Regionalize Operations to leverage economies of scale

Option 2: Localize expansion in 8000 localities across the US
How you can help

01. Share the message & support local election officials
02. Follow our work & join as a stakeholder
03. Encourage State Legislatures & Governors
04. Engage on voter education efforts
05. Host webinars and invite us to share our plan
Resources:

• Reference Library
• Strategy Plan
• Myths
• Equity brief
Voting by mail: lessons from Washington

- Washington state has been voting by mail for over a decade
- Voting by mail is safe and secure
- Ensuring access to all with in-person options
Election funding in the CARES Act

- $400 million for COVID-19 related election response for 2020 election
- Must be spent on 2020 elections
- EAC is creating resources for election officials on conducting elections in the COVID-19 era:
  - Videos with election experts
  - GCC and SCC resources

https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/voting-by-mail-absentee-voting
Question & Answer

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