

Voting During the Pandemic

Be aware of your voting options
—Exercise your right to vote

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all voters in Connecticut are eligible to vote by absentee ballot or in person in the general election, held on November 3, 2020. *It's your choice to do what's best and safest for you and your family!*

MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE.

- Check the Secretary of the State's website: portal.ct.gov/sots
- The deadline to register to vote online, by postmarked mail, and in person is Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

Did you know that the biggest reason that absentee ballots are rejected is that they have not been filled out completely or correctly!

- **Applications** for absentee ballots will be sent to all registered voters starting in September. If you need one, **contact your Town Clerk NOW**. Fill it out and get it submitted ASAP.
- Beginning the first week in October, **absentee ballots** will be sent out. When you get your ballot, fill it out completely and put it in the Official Ballot Drop Box outside of your town hall. You can also mail in your ballot.
- Only **complete** absentee ballots received before the close of polls on the day of the election will be counted.

VOTING IN PERSON

- Polls are open on November 3, 2020 from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm.
- Locate your polling place: portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx.
- Need a ride? Contact your Town Clerk to get the numbers for committees in your town offering rides to the polls.

VOTING IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT,
but **voting now**, during the pandemic,
is more important than ever.




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We must vote to protect essential services, jobs, and our safety net!



OUR VOICES CREATE **POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS!**



The Arc is Connecticut's oldest and largest community-based organization, serving and advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families. We are affiliated with The Arc of the United States, the oldest and largest charity federation in the nation dedicated to the same mission. In Connecticut, our 14 local chapters of The Arc deliver over \$100 million in jobs and supports to thousands of people in 162 communities. Together, The Arcs are the largest provider of supports and services for people with IDD and their families in the state.

THE ARC CONNECTICUT 2020 CANDIDATE PLEDGE

1. If elected I pledge to protect the civil rights of people with disabilities by supporting legislation to ensure they receive reasonable accommodations in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.
2. If elected I pledge to support legislation that will stabilize the community non-profit system and ensure the highest standards of supports and safety for people with IDD.
3. If elected I pledge to protect the rights of all people with IDD to live and receive supports in their communities.

To learn more about the pledge and to which candidates signed visit:

TheArcCT.org/2020pledgeresults

The Arc 2020 Candidate Pledge was sent to all candidates for the Connecticut General Assembly and Town Chairs, who provided the Secretary of the State with a valid email address.

(Highlighted names on your checklist indicate those candidates who have signed the pledge!)

RECENT CONNECTICUT LEGISLATION SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

To see how currently elected officials voted on the following bills, visit the links provided. *Please note that current candidates who were not already in office did not have an opportunity to vote on these bills.*

To read a bill in its entirety, and to see how the House and Senate voted, using the Quick Bill Search at cga.ct.gov. Enter the calendar year 2019 and the bill number.

Special Act 19-12 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (#7093) *(Establishes a task force to study increasing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and to establish financial incentives for businesses that employ persons with disabilities.)*

[House Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

[Senate Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

Public Act No. 19-49 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (#7168) *(Ensures that school age children with autism spectrum disorder receive services from the Department of Developmental Services and are eligible for Medicaid coverage despite family earnings.)*

[House Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

[Senate Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

Public Act No. 19-184 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (#7353) *(Protects teachers who make recommendations on behalf of students in PPT meetings; establishes a working group to study services needs in the gap between Birth to 3 and kindergarten; and requires a communication plan for alerting students who are deaf, hard of hearing or both blind or visually impaired and deaf of an emergency situation.)*

[House Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

[Senate Vote \(Click Here\)](#)

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