

#VoteReady Checklist

As we rapidly approach the end of the 2020 Election season, it is vital that voters have the resources they need to make their vote count. The fear and uncertainty amid the COVID-19 health crisis has created the perfect storm for those who would manipulate the election by citing false claims and throwing up barriers to the ballot box.

Interfaith Alliance believes that our democracy works best when more people participate – making our election results more representative of what we, the people, want. Below is a non-partisan resources that can help you make your voice heard in 2020.

✓ Educate yourself on the issues.

<u>BallotReady.org</u> is a nonpartisan resource that provides unbiased information to voters about every electoral race and ballot measure. Here, you can dive into the background of every candidate and referendum on your personal ballot and compare candidates based on their stances on issues, biography, and endorsements.

✓ Make sure you're registered to vote.

In most states, you must register before you can vote. If you haven't done so already, check your <u>voter registration status</u> to make sure your information is up to date or register to vote for the first time.

✓ Know your state's voter ID laws.

Voter ID requirements vary from state to state, so it's easy to get confused about what you need to vote - both in person or by mail. VoteRiders is a nonpartisan tool that provides accurate information about what is required to vote in your state. Choose your state to check if you need ID to vote in person or by mail.

✓ Review your state's absentee or mail-in ballot rules—request if necessary.

Planning to vote by mail? Check your state's <u>rules for mail-in voting</u>. All states will mail a ballot to voters under certain conditions, but these requirements vary state by state. If you intend to vote by mail, allow plenty of time to receive and return your ballot to make sure your vote is counted.

√ Voting in person? Locate your polling place and have a plan to vote.

Use vote.org's <u>polling place locator</u> to find out when and where to cast your ballot. Under these unusual circumstances, be ready for a long wait at your polling location and make sure to bring any required ID.

✓ Help protect our election by reporting vote suppression and intimidation.

Voter suppression is ultimately about power - but we're stronger together. The national nonpartisan <u>Election Protection</u> coalition uses a wide range of tools and activities to protect, advance, and defend the right to vote. A suite of voter helplines are administered by coalition members:

888-OUR-VOTE	English
888-VE-Y-VOTA	Spanish/English
844-YALLA-US	Arabic/English
888-API-VOTE	Asian Languages/English

With so much at stake, it's more important than ever to act - today and for our future. Exercising your right to vote is one of the most direct ways to impact the moral arc of our nation. Share this information with your network, friends, and family to make sure every voice is heard in 2020.