# RIDES TO THE REGISTRAR



September 17: In-Person Early Voting Begins

**October 30: In-Person Early Voting Ends** 

# VIRGINIA LAWS ON RETURNING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

The US Postal Service changed its delivery standards in 2019. First Class delivery is now 2-5 days and Standard delivery is now 2-9 days. We encourage voters to drop off absentee ballots at their Registrar Office or at early voting in-person locations. Organizing Rides to the Registrar will help get out the vote for **those you know** with mobility and health challenges, time management difficulties or lack of transportation. If your county provides drop boxes, then you have the option of collecting absentee ballots for members in **trusted** groups and organizations to deposit for them.

- You must show your photo ID or approved proof of residency to drop off your ballot at early voting sites. You cannot hand-deliver a ballot for anyone else.
- State funding has been allocated to help local offices expand services. Check your county's website for locations of in-person early voting and drop boxes.

## YOUR CIRCLE

Charity begins at home. Don't take it for granted that your loved ones - **family**, **friends and neighbors** - are able at this time to drive to their registrar's office. Reach out to them to offer a ride.



### YOUR CONGREGATION



The doors to your house of worship may be closed, but keep your heart open to the members of your congregation family who may be facing more struggles than you know. With increased pressures on time, money and energy, organizing a group of members to collect the absentee ballots for **members of your ministries, small groups or committees** that you serve in, and deposit in an official ballot drop box will be an act of kindness.

### YOUR COMMUNITY

With all the misinformation and scams aimed at suppressing the vote, it is critical that trusted civic and community organizations increase their visibility and voice in the community. Work with members of one you know and trust because of their proven track record in your community to coordinate rides for other supporters, members and clients.



Don't pick up random folks. Don't organize random drivers. Don't get in vehicles or give your ballot to strangers. Verify and vet volunteers through the trusted channels and leadership within your congregation, community group and civic organization for your health and safety.