

Voting in
Long Term
Care
Communities
During a
Pandemic

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Supporting the Right to Vote

- With resident/tenant permission, staff can assist with:
 - Voter registration forms
 - Absentee ballot requests
 - Completion of ballots
 - Sign box for “Certification of voter assistance”

Supporting the Right to Vote

- Staff can not answer:
 - Questions about the candidates
 - Questions about any political platforms
- Must keep votes confidential

Right to Vote

- Every Citizen age 18 or older
- Regardless of where they live
- Activated Health Care Power of Attorneys- doesn't remove the constitutional right to vote
- Can't vote in place of another individual

Rights

- Removal of rights by the court

- 3. **GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON**

The individual is in need of a guardian of the person.

- A. **Rights to be removed in full. If removed, these rights may not be exercised by any person.**

The individual has the incapacity to exercise the right to

- (1) execute a will.
- (2) serve on a jury.
- (3) register to vote or to vote in an election.