

Map my network: Virtual Voter Registration Activity

Voting experts and lawyers recommend that everyone in your network checks their registration and gets ready to vote far in advance from every election—even if we think they are registered. It is a simple way to protect the right to vote of the people we know and love, and a simple way to fight voter suppression.

This activity will help you identify those in your network who need to hear from you the most about voting.

Mapping your network is easy: People are more easily moved when people who they trust talk to them on a personal level about why voting is important to them.

- First, you'll identify at least 3 people you want to reach out to, though we recommend you reach out to 10 or more if you can.
- Then, you'll identify ways that you'll reach out to them.
- Then, you'll walk through a "voting checklist" with your network to make sure they're registered and ready to vote!

Who should I prioritize



People in your network

Friends, family, colleagues and acquaintances



People who don't always vote

Or don't think voting matters or haven't voted in recent years



Newly eligible voters or voters who've had life changes

Students, people who have moved, people who have changed their names, or new citizens



People who need to learn about whether they can vote by mail

Here's how Mapping your network works:

Step 1: Brainstorm people in your network that you want to reach out to and write down your contacts in the Map my Network sheet.

- **First** – Write down close family members and friends
- **Second** – Write down extended family relationships and acquaintances
- **Third** – Write down people that are from a social group, club, or place of worship

- **Fourth** – Think through colleagues and co-workers you'll reach out to
- **Lastly** – Go to Facebook/LinkedIn/Instagram/Twitter. Write down any social media friends you can reach out to.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- *Who would you send a holiday card to?*
- *Which family members or friends do you know forget to vote often?*
- *Who in my network may not vote or may not be registered to vote, and needs to hear from me about voting?*
- *Who may have a harder time getting the voter registration information they need due to the coronavirus?*
- *Who is a regular voter that could benefit learning to vote-by-mail using When We All Vote's website?*

**Note – Don't assume anyone is registered, even if they are people you know! Voter registration experts and lawyers recommend that every voter checks their registration in advance of every election.*

Step 2: Practice the checklist and gather resources

For each voter, we are going to be using the [When We All Vote Voter Resource Hub](#) as a resource that will provide a checklist template for us. Do this for yourself first so that you can get acquainted with this resource and this checklist:

1. **Enter your address and email and pledge to vote** -- this is so that you can get specific information about your state's ballot and resources.
2. **Check your registration to make sure you're registered** -- Don't assume you are!
3. **Request a ballot to vote by mail** -- And do it IMMEDIATELY. Don't wait until the deadline in your state.
4. **Research your ballot** -- Do this now and in the fall. Candidate research is ongoing, and additional candidates will appear as information becomes available.

Step 3: Plan out what you'll say!

Planning what you will say to people will help your conversations be efficient and effective in activating people to register and turn-out to vote. Asking open ended questions are a good way to engage people and get them to think critically about voting. Consider the following questions:

- When was the last time you updated your voter registration?
- When was the last time you considered Vote By Mail?
- What's your address or zip code? I want to run you through this quick and easy voting checklist!

Step 4: Make the call or text

Now that you mapped who you will talk to and what you will say, it is time for you and your guests to begin outreach. For each guest, determine how you'll reach out. You may use text messages, email, phone calls, or even face-to-face conversations to walk voters through this checklist.

We recommend starting with a phone call, though you can also use texting or email to send the [voting resource hub](#) to your network.

Map my network Contact Sheet

Directions: Use this list to map out people in your network—family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances—that need your encouragement to check their registration, register and turn out to vote, or that you can help apply to vote-by-mail. Include their contact information and preferred method of outreach! Keep this list somewhere visible and where you can see it.

Your Name: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Name of person	Contact method <i>E.G. Text, FaceTime</i>	My outreach plan	Location	Outcome(s)
				Spoke to voter Left voicemail Text w/ response Text, no response
				Spoke to voter Left voicemail Text w/ response Text, no response
				Spoke to voter Left voicemail Text w/ response Text, no response
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