



IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Note that many of these questions are specific to the upcoming election in New Jersey and, for those questions specific to clinicians, we thank our colleagues at Vot-ER and encourage you to check out their badge user guide and training video library.

What are some important reminders?

- Every ask MATTERS
 - Research shows that it often takes multiple nudges to change behavior so, with each ask, you can rest assured you are nudging someone towards change
- This is an OPPORTUNITY to develop an essential skill in healthcare
 - Making an announcement or ask of those you may not know well can be challenging but it is part and parcel of being a healthcare provider
- This work is strictly NONPARTISAN
 - It is essential to doing this work credibly and effectively
- It is allowed by the law and now EXPECTED by professional organizations
 - The American Medical Association (AMA) has recognized voting as a social determinant of health and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is encouraging applicants to medical school and residencies to do this work
- You do NOT have to have all the answers
 - Just know where to point those with questions, including the 24/7 helpline that they can reach by scanning your QR code or going to your unique link

Who is eligible to vote?

To be eligible to register to vote, an individual must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- 18 years old on or before the next election; and
- Not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

When is the next election?

November 7, 2023. You can also vote early or by mail.



How can I vote in New Jersey?

There are three ways to vote in New Jersey:

1. By mail (the deadline to request a ballot by mail is October 31, 2023)
2. Early in person (select polls are open from October 28 to November 5, 2023)
3. On Election Day (polls are open from 6AM to 8PM on November 7, 2023).

What if someone has more questions?

You can say, “Once you scan my badge, there will be an option at the bottom of the page to text an expert with your questions—feel free to use the hotline, they would love to hear from you.”

What do I say when asked about the difference between Republicans and Democrats?

There is no good answer or any accurate source that doesn’t have a bias outside of the party websites.

You could answer by reminding them about what is most important to you – making sure their voice is heard.

You could say, for instance, “I am not going to tell you who to vote for but I am going to ask you to vote because the research is clear – when you vote, your health improves, and, as a future healthcare provider, that’s what matters most to me.”

Can I say anything about political candidates?

You can only answer simple facts like what party they are in, if they’re an incumbent or challenger or where they live. Don’t state your preferences.

What about HIPAA?

With the Healing the Vote, you will be meeting individuals where they are at in the community. As a result, questions pertaining to HIPAA (which governs the handling of private health information) are unlikely to come up. If they do, however, rest assured that individuals are choosing to input their data on their own phones, none of it is medical in nature, and it is not subject to HIPAA regulations.