## INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS







# Statewide Primary Election: September 12, 2018

- ~ Register by August 13, 2018
- ~ Apply Mail Ballot by August 22, 2018
- ~ Apply Emergency Mail Ballot by September 11, 2018

## Statewide General Election: November 6, 2018

- ~ Register by October 7, 2018
- ~ Apply Mail Ballot by October 16, 2018
- ~ Apply Emergency Mail Ballot by November 5, 2018

#### If you need help, facility staff and family may:

- ✓ Assist you in registering to vote
- ✓ Help you to make sure your voter registration is up-to-date
- ✓ Help you assess whether and how you may need help to prepare and participate in the voting process
- ✓ Help you obtain a sample ballot
- ✓ Help you decide whether you will vote at the polls or by mail ballot
- ✓ Help you decide whether you will vote independently, with assistance, or by using the AutoMark
- ✓ Help you practice the act of voting by reviewing how to check in at the polls, mark a ballot, or place the ballot in the new vote counting machine
- ✓ Assist you to apply to vote by mail if you will vote by mail ballot. Your signature will be required
- ✓ Help you decide how you will get to the polls
- ✓ Assist you to mark your ballot to reflect your choices

#### Facility staff may also:

- ✓ Provide information on upcoming elections and post voting rights and information in prominent locations throughout the facility
- ✓ Encourage you to become educated about candidates and issues by hosting activities associated with the election such as hosting debate-watching events
- ✓ Provide scheduled transportation to and from polling sites on Election Day

### **Facility staff and family may not:**

- \* Apply for a Mail in ballot for you without your knowledge as your signature is required
- \* Attempt to influence your vote
- \* Mark a mail ballot in a way other than instructed by you
- **✗** Tell anyone how you voted
- **✗** Vote on your behalf without your knowledge

If you would like to vote by mail, contact your local Board of Canvassers to ask about deadlines you must meet when applying for a mail ballot. You may also get this information by calling the Secretary of State's Office (401) 222-2340 or on their website at https://vote.sos.ri.gov/ovr/voters/vote\_by\_mail

\*\* YOU MAY ALSO ASK A FAMILY MEMBER OR YOUR FACILITY SOCIAL WORKER OR ADMINISTRATOR FOR ASSISTANCE \*\*