

Sample Newsletter Article – 2020 Primary Election

As the 2020 Primary Election approaches on Tuesday, Aug. 4, elected officials are preparing to cast votes on issues that affect Michigan residents' health and access to care, as well as the hospitals and providers who serve our communities. Based on the political makeup of legislative districts, the results of the primary election often determine who will take office in January. **Your vote in the primaries is critical to a healthier future for our state.**

Each year, our elected officials make decisions on several healthcare issues that can have a profound effect on the day-to-day life of Michigan residents. These decisions affect our own healthcare and that of our friends, families, coworkers and communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has displayed how important influence can be in Lansing and Washington, DC. This crisis has exposed the financial challenges of Michigan's healthcare system, the fragmented nature of public health and longstanding inequities among underserved patient populations.

We hope you'll join [HOSPITAL NAME] in advocating for stronger, more stable healthcare in our state. **To find your polling location ahead of the Aug. 4 Michigan primary, visit michigan.gov/vote.**

Patients with questions may visit our website, [WEBSITE], or contact the Michigan Health & Hospital Association advocacy division at election@mha.org.

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