



MICHIGAN FOR VACCINE CHOICE

2024 NONPARTISAN VOTER GUIDE

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IMPORTANT DATES



PRIMARY ELECTION



GENERAL ELECTION

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VOTING RESOURCES

VISIT [MICHIGAN.GOV/VOTE](https://www.michigan.gov/vote) TO:

- Verify your Voter Registration
- Register to Vote
- Request your Absentee Ballot
- View your Sample Ballot
- Find your Polling Place
- Contact your local Election Official
- Find answers to FAQs

MICHIGAN 2024 VOTER REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

REGISTER TO VOTE THROUGH THE MVC ACTION CENTER
[HTTPS://VOTERVOICE.NET/MVC/VOTERREGISTRATION](https://votervoicenet.com/mvc/voterregistration)

July 22nd

Voter registration receive-by date with your local clerk with proof of residency.

August 6th at 8:00 p.m.

In-person registration deadline with your local clerk with proof of residency. Absentee ballots must also be received by 8:00 p.m. on this day.

October 21st

Voter registration receive-by date with your local clerk with proof of residency.

November 5th at 8:00 p.m.

In-person registration deadline with your local clerk with proof of residency. Absentee ballots must also be received by 8:00 p.m. on this day.

<https://www.usvotefoundation.org/michigan-election-dates-and-deadlines>

USEFUL RESOURCES

Michigan for Vaccine Choice	michiganvaccinechoice.org
Michigan Secretary of State	michigan.gov/sos
Michigan Democratic Party	michigandems.com
Michigan Republican Party	michiganrepublicanparty.com
Michigan Green Party	migreenparty.org
Michigan Libertarian Party	michiganlp.org

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2024

- U.S. President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator (1 seat)
- U.S. Representatives to Congress (all 13 districts)
- Michigan Representatives (all 110 districts)
- State Board of Education (2 seats)
- University of Michigan Regents (2 seats)
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 seats)
- Wayne State University Governors (2 seats)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (1 seat)
- Judge of the Court of Appeals (8 seats)
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate
- County and Township Offices
- Specified City and Village Offices
- Specified School District Positions



MVC VOTER GUIDE POLICY

- Candidate replies are printed without editing or verification.
- References to opponents or specific persons are not allowed.
- In place of an inappropriate response, the guide will state, "Candidate's response did not meet the criteria listed in this Voter Guide."
- Candidates are listed in order of the district the office will represent.
- This Voter Guide is organized by office.
- The names of unopposed candidates are also listed.
- Questionnaires were sent to all candidates running for US Senate and House of Representatives and State House of Representatives.

- All questionnaires were identical, regardless of candidate's office.
- Questionnaires were not sent to Presidential campaigns, Judicial candidates, candidates for Local offices (County, City, Township, or Village), or candidates for School Districts.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

The questionnaire sent to all candidates for Federal and State offices included (consisted of) the following questions. Candidates were also given the opportunity to submit comments.

QUESTION 1

Since 1978, Michigan statute allows parents to exempt their children from mandatory vaccinations based on medical, religious, or other reasons. Thousands of parents have expressed how grateful they are to live in a state where parents have the freedom to make vaccine decisions for their children. They know how precious health care rights are and want to know whether candidates support the preservation of this legal right.

- Do you support an individual's/parent's right to make vaccine decisions for themselves and their children in accordance with existing Michigan statute?

Yes

No

Undecided

QUESTION 2

Michigan statute provides a clear, simple process for citizens to exercise their choice to remain exempt from vaccine mandates (i.e., parent provides written statement to the school with no involvement of the health department). However, in 2015, the State Department of Health & Human Services exceeded the statute by issuing an administrative rule to require parents to meet personally with employees of county health departments before being 'granted' a vaccine waiver for their child to attend school or daycare – often requiring multiple meetings depending on the number of children and grade level. MVC members find these mandated meetings to be a substantial burden, and many department employees to be demeaning of their vaccine decisions. Parents are forced to provide private health information about their child without their consent, which also violates their privacy rights under federal privacy laws (HIPAA/FERPA). Parents support legislation that both protects the privacy of children's student health records and prohibits unelected government agencies from enforcing administrative rules that exceed the requirements of existing statutes.

- Do you support requiring legislative approval before unelected state or local agencies can add additional burdens on parents or individuals seeking to exercise their right to make vaccine decisions?

Yes

No

Undecided

QUESTION 3

In recent years, employees in some industries have been faced with vaccination requirements as a condition of employment, such as annual flu shots for healthcare workers. Since the creation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) (through the passage of the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act), over \$4.7 billion in compensation has been paid by the federal government for injuries and deaths caused by vaccinations – with a good proportion injury from the flu shot. Given there are demonstrated risks from vaccinations, employees are understandably concerned when they are mandated to receive vaccinations or risk termination of employment (or other punitive actions).

- Do you support an employee's right to make their own medical decisions and, therefore, believe their acceptance of vaccinations should not be a condition of employment?

Yes

No

Undecided

QUESTION 4

Citizens and scientists alike are justifiably concerned that the COVID-19 genetic vaccines were fast-tracked and resulted in products that were not adequately tested for safety. As with any medication, any new vaccine also carries risks of harm to some individuals. The number of adverse events reported to the CDC/FDA Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System has exceeded 1.6 million events, with over 28,000 cases of myocarditis and over 37,000 deaths. There have been more adverse events reported for the COVID-19 genetic vaccines than those reported for ALL other vaccines for the past THIRTY-TWO years. Citizens are concerned that new vaccines, such as those for COVID-19 or RSV, will be mandated at the state or federal level in the near future, trampling an individual's rights to bodily autonomy and religious freedom.

- Do you support an individual's right to choose whether to take new vaccines or the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes

No

Undecided

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE FORMAT

The remainder of this Voter Guide will provide candidate responses and comments to the questions in a table format. If a candidate does not appear in the table, that means they did not return the questionnaire, or did not respond to the questionnaire. Feel free to reach out to any candidate yourself to learn about their views on vaccine choice. An asterisk (*) indicates an INCUMBENT candidate. If you do not know your Congressional district or State House District, you can look them up at the MVC Action Center (<https://votervoice.net/MVC/Address>)

US SENATOR (1 SEAT)

Six-year term. One of two members of the U.S. Senate from Michigan. The Senate has the exclusive power to advise and consent on presidential nominations to executive and judicial offices, to ratify U.S. treaties, and to try impeachments. With the U.S. House, the Senate adopts budgets, levies taxes, borrows money, regulates interstate commerce, provides services, adopts regulations, and declares war. Current annual salary: \$174,000.

CANDIDATE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Sherry O'Donnell (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	<p>Q1- It is not only the parents' rights but responsibility.</p> <p>Q2- If we do not require legislative approval before unelected state or local agencies can add additional burdens on parents or individuals seeking to exercise their vaccine waiver right. Enables the government to demand more and more rights and strip parents of their rights.</p> <p>Q3- I support an employee's right to make their own medical decisions and do not believe their acceptance of vaccinations should be a condition of employment. When applying for a job, they are not being hired for their ability to take a vaccination, but on the merit of their experience and accomplishments.</p> <p>Q4 - I support an individual's right to choose whether to accept new vaccines as they become available and not risk losing their jobs if they opt out and do not take the vaccines</p>	docsherry2024@gmail.com

US REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRESS (13 SEATS)

Also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district. Among other duties, representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments and serve on committees. The number of representatives with full voting rights is 435. The number of representatives per state is proportionate to population. Current annual salary: \$174,000.

CANDIDATE	CONG DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Jeff D. (J.D.) Wilson (R)	1	YES	YES	YES	YES	Cov 19 vac requirements a money grabbing scam	presssecretary@jdwilsonformichigan.com
Michael J. Markey, Jr. (R)	3	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@michaelmarkeyjr.com
John R. Moolenaar* (R)	2	YES	YES	YES	YES		john@johnmoolenaarforcongress.com
Heather Smiley (R)	6	YES	YES	YES	YES	<p>I did quite a bit of research about vaccines and related 'schedules' before my children were born, and discovered that I had much more to learn...</p> <p>The CDC's current vaccine schedule is very aggressive/extensive versus historical precedent, and the timings do not always align with real-life risks/considerations.</p> <p>-It is well-known that mercury is toxic, yet many vaccines are/were made with mercury-based preservatives. Astonishingly, even the liberal WHO states, "Exposure to mercury – even small amounts – may cause serious health problems, and is a threat to the development of the child in utero and early in life"</p> <p>-HepB is a blood-borne pathogen, yet the CDC recommends a vaccine at birth.</p> <p>If my newborn infant is healthy and the likelihood of getting exposed to another person's bodily fluids is ZERO, why would I vaccinate when they are just born?</p> <p>-The CDC still recommends that infants get the COVID19 vaccine at 6 months of age, despite the 'true' science</p>	CTE.HeatherSmiley@gmail.com

CANDIDATE	CONG DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Tom Barrett (R)	7	YES	YES	YES	YES	demonstrating a plethora of contraindications. I don't profess to be an "anti-vaxxer," but rather an informed decision-maker. Q1 – I sponsored legislation to rescind the 2015 administrative rule Q4 – I made the difficult decision to retire from the Army in part because of the Biden vaccine mandate.	tom@tombarrettforcongress.com
Anthony J. Hudson (R)	8	YES	YES	YES	YES		hudson2k24campaign@gmail.com
Anil Kumar (D)	10	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@drkumarforcongress.com
Tiffany Tilley (D)	10	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@tiffanytilleyforcongress.com
Nick Somberg (R)	11	YES	YES	YES	YES		nick@somberglaw.com
Ryan Foster (D)	12	YES	YES	YES	YES		ryanfoster87@yahoo.com

STATE REPRESENTATIVES (110 SEATS)

The Michigan House of Representatives consists of 110 members who are elected in even-numbered years to 2-year terms. The state legislature enacts the laws of Michigan; levies taxes and appropriates funds from money collected for the support of public institutions and the administration of the affairs of state government; proposes amendments to the state constitution, which must be approved by a majority vote of the electors; and considers legislation proposed by initiatory petitions. The legislature also provides oversight of the executive branch of government through the administrative rules and audit processes, committees, and the budget process; advises and consents, through the Senate, on gubernatorial appointments; and considers proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The majority of the legislature's work, however, entails lawmaking. Through a process defined by the state constitution, statute, and legislative rules, the legislature considers thousands of bills (proposed laws) during each 2-year session. Current annual salary: \$71,685.

CANDIDATE	HOUSE DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Liberati Jr., Tullio* (D)	2	YES	YES	NO	YES		alexmc464@gmail.com
Tonya R. Wells (R)	4	YES	YES	YES	YES		twell256847@mailnccd.edu
Will Sears (R)	5	YES	YES	YES	YES		WillSearsForStateRep@gmail.com
Griffin Wojtowicz (R)	10	YES	YES	YES	YES		electgriffinw@gmail.com
Patrick S. Biange (D)	12	YES	YES	YES	YES		Patrickbiange@gmail.com
Mark T. Foster (R)	13	YES	YES	YES	YES		mark@thefostersreal estate.com
Jerrie B. Bilello (R)	13	YES	NO	YES	YES		Jerriebowlbilello@aol.com
Keith Windham (D)	16	YES	UND	YES	NO		keithwindham07@gmail.com
Thomas Konesky (R)	21	YES	YES	YES	YES		tomkonesky@gmail.com
Adam A. Stathakis (R)	22	YES	YES	YES	YES		cteadamstathakis@gmail.com
Christian Charette (R)	22	YES	YES	YES	YES	<p>I experienced adverse effects after my first dose. 100% on board with choice!</p> <p>Forced vaccines, forced lockdowns, what we witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic should scare anyone with a conscience. Securing the God-given inalienable right to choose what goes into our bodies is the first hurdle. Next is ensuring that no one is allowed to be coerced into doing something that goes against their conscience under the threat of financial upheaval for themselves or their families ever again. It's unacceptable and un-American we can do better. We must do better.</p>	charetteformichigan@gmail.com
David Stamp (R)	23	YES	YES	YES	YES		dstampmi23@gmail.com
Leonard C. Scott (R)	24	UND	YES	YES	YES	Q1 - With rights come responsibilities. You, as I, must consider everyone.	leonardscott20@yahoo.com
Melandie Y. Hines (D)	25	YES	YES	YES	YES		Hines4michigan@gmail.com

CANDIDATE	HOUSE DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Josh Powell (R)	25	YES	YES	YES	YES	I had to fight my job for six months about not getting the forced Covid 19 vaccine. I got help from a lawyer and witnessed firsthand how little religious freedom is actually afforded. I was so grateful and inspired by the lawyer who helped me that I went back to school to start on my way to becoming a lawyer. I put that on hold now to run for this Michigan house seat because I have a real chance with this and to take away Democrat control of the house	josh@powell4michigan.com
Salif Kourouma (D)	25	UND	YES	YES	YES		
Rylee Linting (R)	27	YES	YES	YES	YES		Team@VoteLinting.com
Jamie Thompson (R)	28	YES	YES	YES	YES		friendsofjamiethompson@gmail.com
James DeSana (R)	29	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@winwithjim.org
Dale Binniecki (R)	31	YES	YES	YES	YES		team@votebiniecki.com
Nancy Jenkins-Arno (R)	34	YES	YES	YES	YES		njenkins9417@gmail.com
Adam L. Stockford (R)	35	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@stockford4mi.com
Jennifer Wortz (R)	35	YES	YES	YES	YES		votejen@jenniferwortz.com
Steve Carra* (R)	36	YES	YES	YES	YES		steve@stevecarra.com
Frank Perez (R)	36	YES	YES	YES	YES		alan@frankperezforstater.com
Brad Paquette* (R)	37	YES	YES	YES	YES		Contact@bradpaquette.com
Jared Polonowski (D)	39	YES	NO	NO	YES	Q1 - This does not remove liability or consequences of this decision. Q2 - This is micromanagement, issues should be handled case by case. Q3 - If an employee doesn't agree to conditions of employment then they wouldn't be working there. Q4 - But that does come with consequences.	polonowski.jared@gmail.com

CANDIDATE	HOUSE DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Richard M. Overton (R)	39	YES	NO	YES	YES		dickoverton17@gmail.com
Nicole C. Sabel (R)	41	YES	YES	YES	YES		NCSABEL79@PROTONMAIL.COM
Matt Hall* (R)	42	YES	YES	YES	YES		Matt@electmatthall.com
Rich Cutshaw (R)	42	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@cutshaw4mi.com
Danene Shumaker (D)	43	YES	YES	NO	YES	Q3 - I believe the employee has the right not to work for that employer	danene.shumaker@shu4staterep.org
Rachelle Smit* (R)	43	YES	YES	YES	YES		rachelle@smitforstaterep.com
Sarah Lightner* (R)	45	YES	YES	YES	YES		lightner4staterep@gmail.com
Tawn Beliger (R)	48	YES	YES	YES	YES	Q1 - absolutely Q2 - I support legislation that both protects the privacy of children's student health records and prohibits unelected government agencies from enforcing administrative rules that exceed the requirements of existing statutes Q3 - Absolutely Q4 - most definitely	Tawn@tawnbeliger.com
Ignatowski, Brian (R)	48	YES	YES	YES	YES		brianfor48@gmail.com
Ann Bollin* (R)	49	YES	YES	YES	YES		ann4rep@gmail.com
Jason Woolford (R)	50	YES	YES	YES	YES		jason@jasonwoolford.com
Kristina Lyke (R)	50	YES	YES	YES	YES		info@livingstonlikeslyke.com
Matt Maddock*	51	YES	YES	YES	YES		FriendsofMattMaddock@gmail.com
Mike Harris* (R)	52	YES	YES	YES	YES	All exclamation points after his "Ys"	vote@electmikeharris.com
Douglas Wozniak* (R)	59	YES	YES	YES	YES		douglascwozniak@gmail.com
Shelly Fraley (D)	60	YES	YES	YES	YES		fraleyfor60@gmail.com
Alicia St. Germaine* (R)	62	YES	YES	YES	YES		alicia@votestgermaine.com
Mathew Castillo	64	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Ryan Maxon (R)	64	YES	NO	NO	YES		voteryanmaxon@gmail.com

CANDIDATE	HOUSE DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Jaime Greene* (R)	65	YES	YES	YES	YES		voteforgreene@gmail.com
Josh Schriver* (R)	66	YES	YES	YES	YES		JOSH4YOU@PROTONMAIL.COM
Randy LeVasseur (R)	66	YES	YES	UND	YES	Q3 - I am torn on the question of whether government should prohibit private employers from making vaccines and condition of employment. While I value the rights of individuals to make their own health decisions, I also value the rights of employers to make their own health, employment decisions, free from government interference. I most definitely would, however, prohibit public employers from making vaccines a condition of employment.	randy4rep@gmail.com
Phil Green* (R)	67	YES	YES	YES	YES		philgreenforstaterep@gmail.com
Kevin Rathbun (R)	71	YES	YES	YES	YES		Campaign@rathbun4rep.com
Tom Izzo (R)	74	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Gina Johnsen* (R)	78	YES	YES	YES	YES		Gina@Ginaforstaterep.com
Angela Rigas* (R)	79	YES	YES	YES	YES		AngelaRigas4MI@gmail.com
Tommy Brann (R)	83	YES	UND	YES	YES	I do believe in vaccinations and think they do save lives as a kid I had a measles shot, TB test and my dad trusted our doctor. This is my belief. I did get my Covid shot and sadly lost a friend who did not. full disclosure.	
John Wetzel (R)	84	YES	YES	YES	YES		john@wetzels4michigan.com
Bradley Slagh* (R)	85	YES	YES	YES	YES		Bradley@SlaghForMichigan.com
Nancy DeBoer* (R)	86	YES	YES	UND	YES		nancy@nancydeboer.com
Greg VanWoerkom* (R)	88	YES	YES	YES	YES		contact@votevanwoerkom.com
Luke Meerman* (R)	89	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Jerry Neyer* (R)	92	YES	YES	YES	YES		jerry@voteneyer.com

CANDIDATE	HOUSE DISTRICT	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFO
Tim Kelly (R)	93	YES	YES	YES	YES		timkellyforrep@gmail.com
Chaz Fowler (R)	96	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Gregory L. Alexander* (R)	98	YES	YES	YES	YES		Greg@greg-alexander.com
Tom Kunse* (R)	100	YES	YES	YES	YES		tom@votekunse.com
Christopher R. Crain (D)	101	YES	UND	UND	YES		chrisformi101@gmail.com
Joseph Fox* (R)	101	YES	YES	YES	YES		foxforfff@gmail.com
Brandon S. McDonald (R)	101	YES	YES	YES	YES		brandonmcdonald15075@yahoo.com
Katie Kniss (R)	103	YES	YES	YES	YES		katkniss@protonmail.com
Lisa Trombley (R)	103	YES	YES	YES	YES		Team@VoteTrombley.com
Larry Knight (D)	104	UND	UND	NO	YES		ctelknight@gmail.com
Ken Borton* (R)	105	YES	YES	YES	YES		ken@kenborton.com
Todd J. Smalenberg (R)	106	YES	YES	YES	YES		Todd.Smalenberg4staterrep@gmail.com
Neil Friske* (R)	107	YES	YES	YES	YES		team@neilfriske.com
Jodi Decker (D)	107	YES	YES	YES	YES	Though I do believe that people should have a choice, I prefer it to be an informed choice. People should discuss vaccinations with their trusted doctor.	info@votejodidecker.com
Randy Girard (D)	109	YES	YES	YES	YES	Q3 - (With liability waiver protection.)	electrandygirard@gmail.com
Karl Bohnak (R)	109	YES	YES	YES	YES		karl@karl4staterrep.com
Burt Mason (R)	109	YES	YES	YES	YES		burt@burtmason4staterrep.com
Gregory J. Markkanen* (R)	110	YES	YES	YES	YES		markkanen2020@gmail.com

ABOUT MICHIGAN FOR VACCINE CHOICE

- MVC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing educational information about the subject of vaccinations, while protecting and supporting individuals and parents to make vaccine decisions in Michigan.
- MVC does not support or oppose candidates for office or political parties.
- Any use of the MVC name in campaign advertising or literature has not been authorized by MVC.
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- You may print the Voter Guide to bring into the voting booth!
- This Voter Guide is available on the MVC website michiganvaccinechoice.org

