
2020 Health Guidance for Election Judges

This guidance is for election judges working in polling places during the COVID-19 pandemic based on recommendations from CDC, MDH and the MN Secretary of State's Office. Voters are encouraged to vote early by mail <https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/cl/voting-information>

Polling place setup

- Election Judges are required to wear face mask or face shield.
- Election Judges wear gloves when handling or exchanging materials or sanitizing.
- Place plexiglass shields in front of poll book, ballot, and greeter judges.
- Separate each judge duty station by at least 6 ft.
 - Separate each individual poll book by at least 6 ft.
- Separate voting booths and tables for marking ballots by at least 6 ft. and limit the number of voting booths to ensure physical distancing.
- Mark 6 ft. increments on floor to ensure physical distancing for voters while waiting in line.
 - Use signage
 - Use yellow colored tape inside and outside the voting room
- Use different doors for voting room entry and exit, if possible
- Set up hand sanitizer stations at the entrance and exit to the voting room.
- Set up self-service "I Voted" sticker station.

For wiping surfaces, poll books, AutoMARK, and ballot counter, Clorox Wipes, Lysol Wipes or other wipe with 70% alcohol content will be provided.

- Election Judges wear face mask or face shield when unable to maintain 6 ft. distance.
- Election Judges wear gloves when handling or exchanging materials.
- If possible, offer face mask to voters as needed.
- Greeter Judge(s) Ensure voters maintain distance of at least 6 ft. from others while waiting to enter the room
 - Ensure this protocol is followed and limit the number of voter in the room at the same time (6 – 10).
 - Exception: Voters will need to be within 6 ft. of Election Judges while working with them at duty stations or while receiving assistance.

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- *Ask voter who appears ill (coughing, sneezing, etc) if they would prefer to vote with curbside voting or if s/he would like a face covering and gloves before entering the voting room.
 - Poll book Judges
 - Each Election Judge uses their own stylus(es).
 - Do not allow voters to touch the poll book (exception: Vouchers).
 - Sanitize stylus after use by a voucher.
 - Sanitize poll books after use with disinfecting wipes.
 - Sanitize voting booths, tables, and other surfaces voters are using to mark their ballot.
 - Sanitize the AutoMARK screen and buttons with disinfecting wipes after use by a voter.

**Ill voters: Ask, "Would you prefer to vote from the safety of your car through curbside voting or may I offer you a face covering and gloves?"*