

CIVIC ACTION & PUBLIC SAFETY

CDC RECOMMENDS: Encourage moving election polling locations away from long term care facilities and facilities housing older persons to minimize COVID-19 exposure among older individuals and those with chronic medical conditions.

CDC: Social Distancing (SD)



Encourage voters to use voting methods that minimize direct contact with other people and reduce crowd size at polling stations

CDC: Actions for elections officials in advance of election day

Encourage voters to use voting methods that minimize direct contact with other people and reduce crowd size at polling stations. Encourage mail-in methods of voting if allowed in the jurisdiction. Encourage early voting, where voter crowds may be smaller throughout the day. This minimizes the number of individuals a voter may come in contact with. Encourage drive-up voting for eligible voters if allowed in the jurisdiction. Encourage voters planning to vote in-person on election day to arrive at off-peak times. For example, if voter crowds are lighter mid-morning, advertise that in advance to the community. Encourage relocating polling places from nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and senior living residences, to minimize COVID-19 exposure among older individuals and those with chronic medical conditions. Consider additional social distancing and other measures to protect these individuals during voting.

CDC: Actions for polling station workers can take for themselves and the general public

Ensure bathrooms at the polling station are supplied adequately with soap, water, and drying materials so visitors and staff can wash their hands. Provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use before or after using the voting machine. Discourage voters and workers from greeting others with physical contact (e.g., handshakes). Include this reminder on signs about social distancing.