9. COVID-19 Safety While Voting

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, voting may look a bit different than before. Many debates and other events are online. Polling stations will have safety measures. Voting by mail should be similar to before but more people will use this option now. Learn more here.

Polling stations will look a little different to keep us safe from COVID-19 while voting. This includes:

- **Plexi-barriers** between voters and poll workers. These are similar to the barriers between customers and workers in stores.
- **Poll workers wearing protective equipment** like masks
- Only one worker per table
- **Hand sanitizer** stations
- Regular cleaning of surfaces that are touched a lot
- Markers to show where you can sit or stand (at least 2 meters or 6 feet apart)

What you can do:

- **Wear a mask** if you can
  If you live in a place where everyone is required to wear a mask, they will also be required at polling stations. If you cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, you will be exempt.
- **Bring your own pencil or pen**
  You will get a single-use pencil to vote if you don’t have one.
- **Stay at least 2 meters / 6 feet away from others**
- **Vote by mail** if you have trouble voting in person or feel sick. You are not allowed to vote in-person if you have COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19, or had contact with someone with COVID-19.