

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.