FAQs about Voting

Am I required to wear a face covering?

No, while wearing a face coverings is highly encouraged, it is not required for voters in a polling place to wear a face mask, despite any state mandates or municipal or county ordinances.

Are poll workers required to wear face coverings?

All poll workers should follow state, county, or local ordinances regarding wearing face coverings.

I am deaf or hard of hearing and face coverings make it difficult for me to understand my poll worker. What do I do?

We would recommend contacting your municipal clerk for accommodations ahead of time by searching here. You may be able to request a poll worker to remove their face covering while communicating with you or use written communication to vote.

I didn't get my absentee ballot on time. What do I do?

If you didn't get your ballot, you can vote in person at your polling place.

I got my absentee ballot, but I would rather vote in person. Can I do this?

Yes, you can still vote in person at your polling place as long as you did not return your ballot. If you returned your ballot, you are not able to vote at your polling place on Election Day.

I need a witness, but I am unable to get one due to the pandemic. What do I do?

A witness signature and address are required on every absentee ballot. Voters can have their ballot witnessed through a window, from a safe distance, or even by video chat, as long as the witness can sign the envelope later. A witness can be anyone who is 18 years or older, a US Citizen, and is not a candidate on the ballot, including your spouse, family member, or neighbor.

If you cannot find a witness for your absentee ballot you can still vote in person at your polling place on Election Day.

Curbside Voting

Curbside voting is for people who are unable to enter the polling place due to disability, which includes being immunocompromised or having symptoms of COVID-19.

Your polling place should have a procedure to allow you to indicate that you need to curbside vote. Your polling place may have signs outside with a phone number, specific parking spots to park in for curbside, a doorbell to ring for curbside, or a greeter outside to initiate this process. Please note that any voter who is immunocompromised, was exposed to or has symptoms of COVID-19, or has a disability must be allowed to curbside vote.

- 1. Contact your municipal clerk by searching here prior to Election Day. Your clerk can explain their curbside voting procedures, or possibly set up a time to meet you outside with your ballot.
- 2. You will be asked to confirm that you are unable to enter the polling place due to disability. The Wisconsin Elections Commission affirmed that being immunocompromised or having symptoms of COVID-19 are included in this status.
- 3. After affirming, you will be asked to provide a photo ID. You can show the ID through your car window and the poll worker can read it through the glass. You will not sign the poll book.
- 4. The poll worker will get your ballot and allow you to vote from your vehicle. It is recommended that you open your window just enough that a ballot can be slid through to promote social distancing. You will be provided with a privacy sleeve to place your ballot in after voting.
- 5. The poll worker will bring your ballot inside and insert it into the ballot box or tabulator.

Polling Place Procedures

Your visit to your polling place on Election Day may include:

- 1. If your polling place has any lines, you will be asked to maintain social distancing. There may be markers/tape on the ground to indicate 6 feet, but if not, please maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.
- 2. Voters are highly encouraged to wear face coverings in their polling place or in any line waiting to vote or enter the polling place.
- 3. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, including a cough, sore throat, fever of greater than 100.4 degrees, sudden loss of taste, or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you are encouraged to consider voting curbside from your vehicle. Curbside voting procedures are outlined below.
- 4. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer or wash your hands before voting.
- 5. You will be asked to state your name and address and provide your photo ID. Poll workers may be social distancing, so they may ask you to set your ID on the table and back up, or they may be behind Plexiglas dividers.
- 6. Interactions with poll workers and other voters should be brief or avoided and you should try and move through the voting process quickly.
- 7. You will be provided a ballot and you can go vote at a poll booth or accessible voting machine. Poll workers are regularly sanitizing these areas throughout Election Day.
- 8. Lastly, you will insert your ballot into the ballot box or tabulator. You may use hand sanitizer again if you choose.