

MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Elections Work during a Pandemic



Your Service is Important and Appreciated



- **UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION PROCESS**
- **MAKE A FAIR, EFFICIENTLY RUN ELECTION POSSIBLE**
- **HELP MAINTAIN OUR AMERICAN RIGHT TO A FREE ELECTION**



Your Health and Safety is of Utmost Importance

- ❖ **Increased risk of contracting and spreading the virus**
- ❖ **Polling place practices will help limit that risk for yourself and others**

**YOUR CHOICE TO WORK IS NOT
TAKEN FOR GRANTED.**

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THIS ELECTION!





Agenda

- Staying Healthy Before Election Day
- Reducing Airborne Transmission in the Polling Place
- Reducing Surface Transmission in the Polling Place
- Taking Care of Yourself on Election Day
- Election Day Scenarios

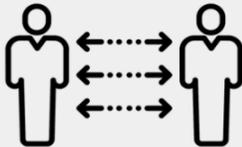
How does Coronavirus spread?

AIRBORNE TRANSMISSION

Airborne transmission

occurs when virus in the air gets into the body

- Reduce risk of spread by:
 - Practicing physical distancing
 - Wearing face coverings and masks



SURFACE TRANSMISSION

Surface transmission

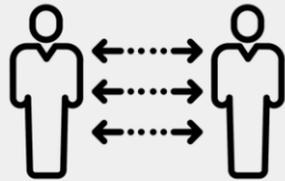
occurs when virus on an object or surface gets into the body

- Reduce risk of spread by:
 - Washing or sanitizing hands
 - Disinfecting objects and surfaces



Before Election Day: Keeping Yourself Healthy

Practice physical distancing of 6 feet, both at work and away from work



Wash hands frequently

- Scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds



Use face coverings or masks to cover mouth and nose



Use hand sanitizer with at least 70% isopropyl alcohol

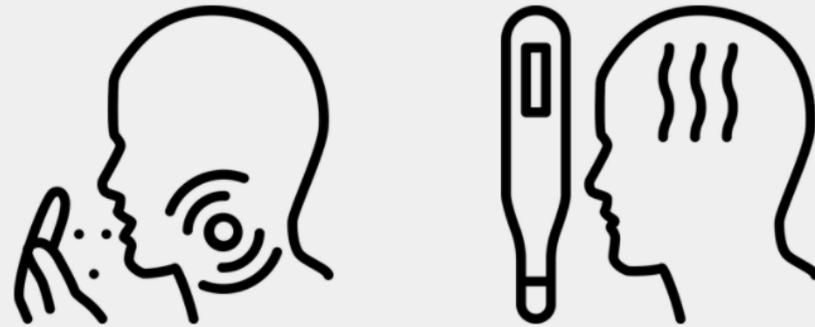


Before Election Day: Illness

Don't come to work if you or someone you live with have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19

Don't come to work if you have symptoms of COVID-19

- Frequent Cough
- Fever
- Difficulty Breathing
- Chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Recent Loss of Taste or Smell



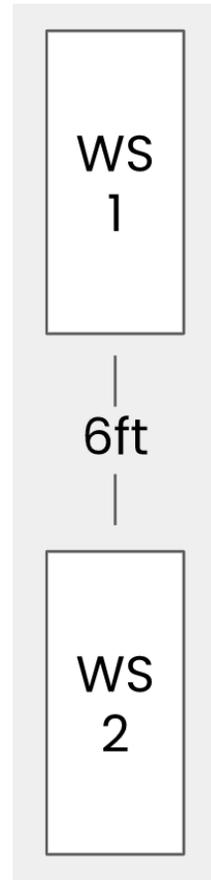
**Inform your election admin ASAP
if you know you cannot work**



Reducing Airborne Transmission in the Polling Place

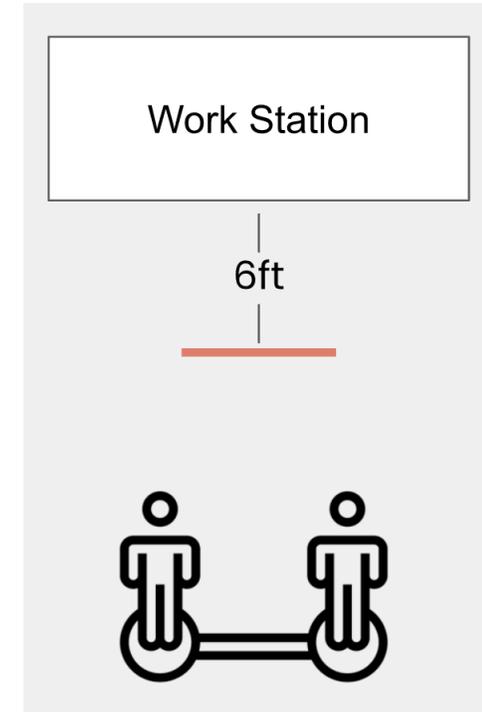
PHYSICAL DISTANCE

**Set workstations
at least
6 feet apart**



SPACE

**Set wait lines
6 feet in
front of tables**



Reducing Airborne Transmission in the Polling Place

PHYSICAL DISTANCE

❖ Limit the amount of time you are within six feet of each other



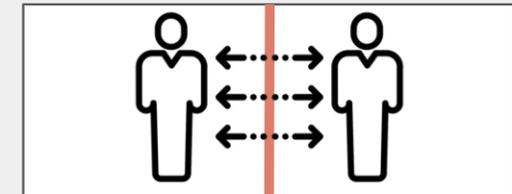
❖ Wear masks always

❖ Remind each other of the precautions



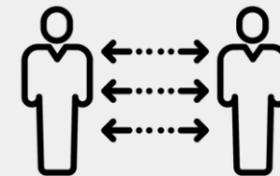
INTERACTIONS

Break Area



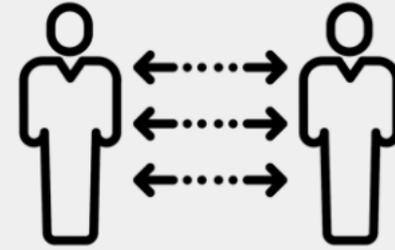
— 6ft —

Observers



Reducing Airborne Transmission in the Polling Place

Practice physical distancing
of 6 feet from all people



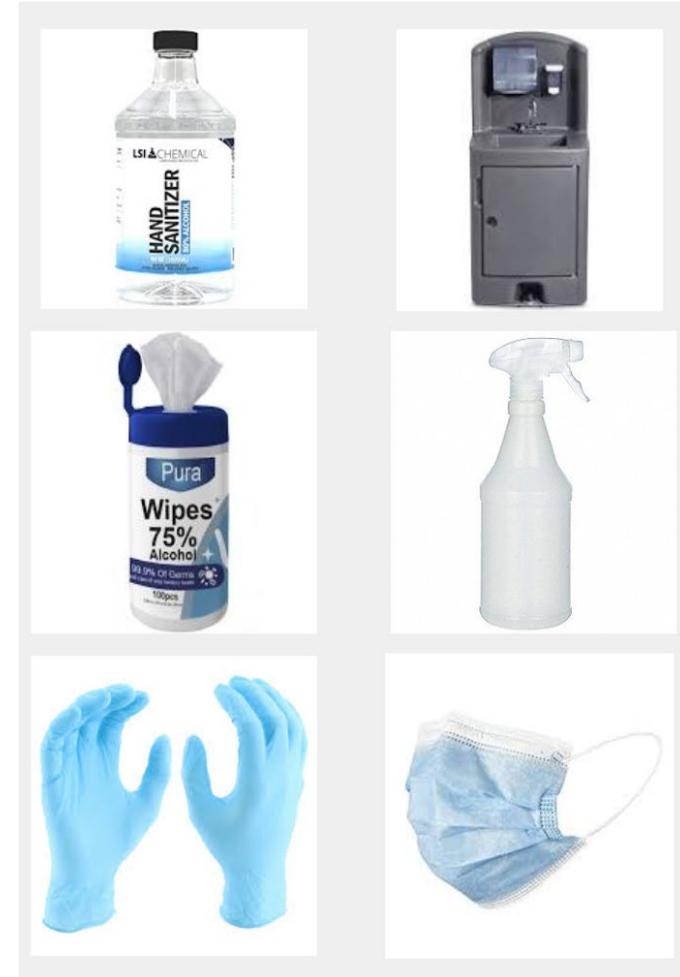
Use face coverings or masks
to cover mouth and nose



Reducing Surface Transmission in the Polling Place

CLEANING SUPPLIES and PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ Disinfecting wipes and spray
- ❖ Gloves
- ❖ Hand sanitizer
- ❖ Sinks and soap
- ❖ Masks and shields



Reducing Surface Transmission in the Polling Place



Disinfect
BEFORE
voting begins
and at
regular intervals
DURING
voting



Taking Care of Yourself on Election Day

- ❖ Stagger breaks with your fellow poll workers
- ❖ Take breaks in fresh air
- ❖ Take off your protective gear (when safe to do so)
- ❖ Do not share food



Taking Care of Yourself on Election Day

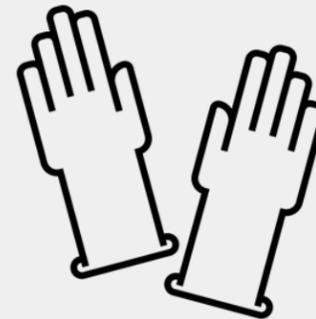
Masks/Face Coverings

- Cover both mouth and nose
- Wash hands before and after use or adjustment
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, or mouth



Gloves

- Wash hands before putting gloves on and after removing them
- Only wear gloves when cleaning or disinfecting



Taking Care of Yourself on Election Day

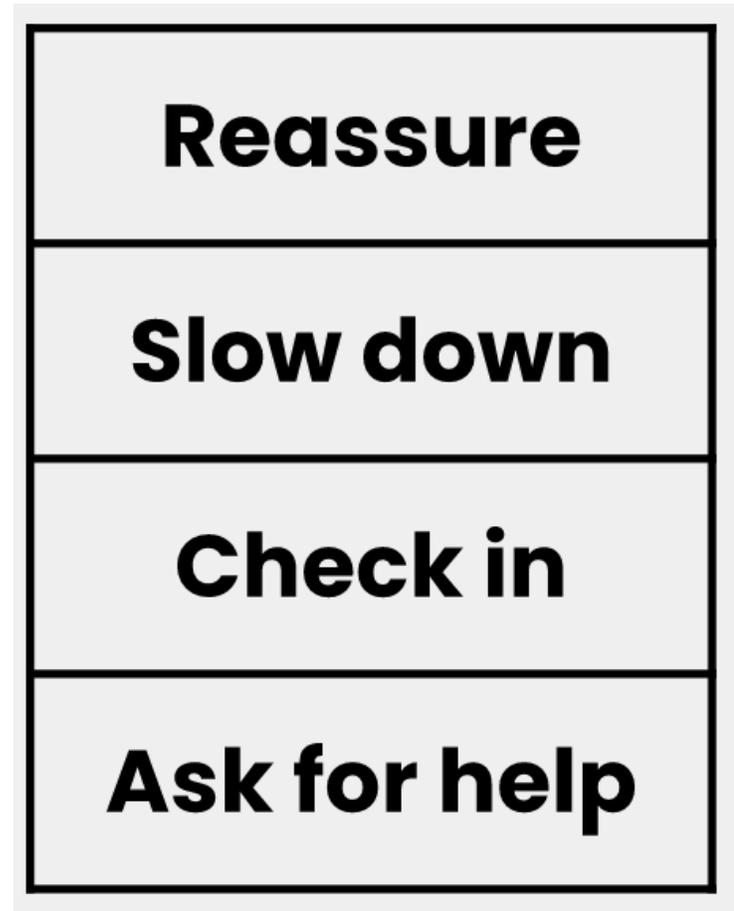
WHEN YOU GET HOME:

- Throw out any disposable masks, gloves or other PPE you did not discard before leaving the polling place
- Remove your clothing and set aside what you wore to be washed (including reusable masks or face coverings)
- Consider showering right away
- **Be more mindful of physical distancing for 2 weeks**
- **If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive within 2 weeks, inform your election administrator and fellow poll workers**



If Tensions Run High: Potential Scenarios

- **Reassure** voters that their right to vote is protected.
- **Slow down** and remain calm.
- **Repeat** what you heard or ask voters to repeat themselves.
- **Check in** with fellow poll workers for support.
- **Ask for help**, call the BOE.



If Tensions Run High: Potential Scenarios

VOTER FORGOT MASK

- **I noticed you don't have a face covering. Don't worry, you will still get to vote.**
- **We have extra masks. Would you like one?**



VOTERS REFUSES MASK

- **I hear that you do not want to wear a face covering. No problem. You do not need to.**
- **You will get to vote like everyone else.**
- **Do you mind giving voters around you a few extra feet of space?**



If Tensions Run High: Potential Scenarios

VOTERS ARE ARGUING

- ❖ "Can you help me understand what is happening?"
- ❖ "Please give each other space."
- ❖ ASK for support from another poll worker.
- ❖ TALK to each voter by themselves.

DISRUPTION

- **ASK for help from BOE or police**

WE ARE READY TO SUPPORT YOU!

ESCALATION IS RARE

MILLIONS OF VOTERS HAVE VOTED PEACEFULLY

**WE TRUST YOU ARE CAPABLE TO HANDLE
MOST SCENARIOS.**



FINAL THOUGHTS

Maintain 6 ft of physical distancing from everyone

Continually wash and/or sanitize hands

Wear your PPE properly and consistently

Take care of yourself and each other.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THIS ELECTION AND FOR PROTECTING DEMOCRACY.



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