



Your Safety at the Polls

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency which currently exists in the Province, we will be taking extra precautionary measures at the polls when you come to vote in the Métis Nation election.

These measures include:

- All voters are encouraged to wear masks when entering a polling station. A mask will be provided to those who do not have one.
- Election officials will be required to wear masks at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to voters upon entry to a polling station.
- Election workers will be advised to take every opportunity to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Election workers will be instructed to regularly clean and disinfect work surfaces and equipment, especially repeatedly touched surfaces such as tables, desks, and door handles.
- Non-essential visitors will be restricted from attending the polls
- Voters will not be permitted to linger at the polls and will be asked to leave immediately after voting.
- If weather permits, voters will be asked to wait outside the polling location so as to limit the number of people who are inside at a given time.
- Social distancing protocols will be implemented at the polls, such as: increasing separation between voting stations and voting booths; ensuring voters to maintain the recommended 2 metre distance between themselves, election workers and others.
- Signage will be posted to remind voters about social distancing and avoiding unnecessary person-to-person contact.
- Shields or barriers will be used at voter registration and voting stations
- Single use pencils will be available at the polls for voters to mark their ballots. Alternatively, voters may choose to bring their own pencil or pen to mark their ballots.
- Voters will be encouraged to visit the polls at off-peak times. Peak times at polling stations are usually first thing in the morning when the polls open and around 4 to 6pm.

Note: Voters and election officials who have tested positive for COVID-19 and voters who are in self-isolation should not be leaving home to vote. Voters who are sick should seek reliable health information from public health experts as to the symptoms of COVID – 19, so they can act responsibly and prevent the spread of their illness. Unfortunately, the *Saskatchewan Métis Election Act, 2007* only provides for in-person voting and does not permit other forms of contactless voting, such as mail, telephone or Internet voting.