



Guidelines for Resident Voting at a Public Polling Site During COVID-19 Pandemic

Objective

Assist residents of long-term care settings, comprehensive care facilities and residential care facilities, to exercise their right to vote at a public polling site during the COVID-19 pandemic while maintaining the safety of the resident, staff, and the public.

These guidelines have been assembled in consultation with the Indiana State Department of Health's Infection Preventionist and the Family and Social Services Administration's Chief Medical Officer.

Voting Guidelines

Consider the right to vote as an essential appointment much like an essential medical appointment and follow CDC guidelines throughout the appointment.

- COVID-19 negative or residents residing in a green zone are appropriate for the following established guidelines.
- Facemasks must be consistently worn by the resident and transporter of the resident during the transportation and voting process.
- Social distancing of 6 feet or greater to be maintained.
- Hand hygiene to be exercised after touching surfaces such as doors and voting equipment.
- Resident to change clothes upon returning from the appointment.
- Resident to be monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days upon return and remain in residents' room for that period unless medically necessary otherwise. A mask is required if the resident needs to leave their room while under the 14-day observation period.
- Use of proper PPE during the 14-day monitoring period.
- Resident may continue to reside in their room with a roommate, however the roommate will need assurance of continued monitoring.
- There is no need to transfer the resident to a new zone unless symptoms or testing indicate such.

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