

# Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Election Polling Station Locations

## Preventive Action Polling Workers Can Take

- Stay at home if you have fever, respiratory symptoms, or believe you might be sick to help prevent to spread of the virus.
- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces: including tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- Since cleaning alone does not kill all germs, make sure to disinfect the surface as well after cleaning.
- Practice hand hygiene frequently: wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect voting associated electronics (e.g., voting machines, laptops, tablets, keyboards) routinely using alcohol-based wipes or spray containing at least 70% alcohol to clean voting machine buttons and touch screens.

## Preventive action polling stations workers can take for themselves and the general public

- Ensure bathrooms at the polling station are supplied adequately with soap, water, and drying materials so visitors and staff can wash their hands.
- Provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use before or after using the voting machine or the final step in the voting process. Consider placing the alcohol-based hand sanitizer in visible, frequently used locations such as registration desks and exits.

## Who is at Highest Risk for COVID-19?

- Older Adults
- People who have:
  - Heart Disease
  - Diabetes
  - Lung Disease, like asthma

**If you are at higher risk, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick.**

**If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the NYS Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.**



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