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### *Kendall County Health Protocols for Voters*

Boerne, Texas – On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, Secretary of State’s Office released Guidance on Recommended Health Protocols for Texas Election Officials and Voters.

Below is the SOS link for detailed review.

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/health-protocols-for-voters.pdf>

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all voters. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Poll Workers and Voters.

In preparation for the upcoming Primary Runoff Election to be held on Tuesday-July 14, 2020 Kendall County Elections Department is implementing the following procedures for all voters who wish to cast their ballot in person, during Early Voting or on Election Day.

### **Health Protocols for Voters**

- Voters should perform a Self-Assessment before going to a polling location for any new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19. Below are some of the known symptoms.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	temperature greater than or equal to
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is
<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	lab-confirmed to have COVID-19

- We ask that if voters who exhibit any of the above-mentioned symptoms associated with COVID-19 consider utilizing curbside voting, to the extent they meet the eligibility requirements.
- Voters should consider wearing their personal cloth face covering when entering the polling place.
- The voter should be prepared to lower or remove their face covering when checking in at the polling place if the election judge is not able to determine the identity of a voter wearing a face covering. If a voter contracts COVID-19 (or other sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter’s health) after the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail, the voter should contact Kendall County Ballot by Mail at (830) 331-8701, for more details about submitting an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability.

## **Health Protocols for Serving Voters**

- Station 1- At the Check-In Table, the Voter will be greeted and advised to sanitize their hands before and after voting.
  - Voters will maintain at least six feet separation from other individuals at the polling location.
  - Surfaces of ePollBooks will be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol.
  - Voter will be issued a Stylus to sign their name on the electronic signature screen and will be instructed to place it in the designated bucket for sanitation and reuse.
  - Voter will be given their voter specific receipt and directed to the next station.
  
- Station 2 – A Poll Worker will direct the voter to the voting machine.
  - Voters waiting to be put onto a machine will maintain at least six feet apart and stay in the designated areas
  - All voting equipment will be placed 6 feet apart at all times.
  - All used voting equipment will be wiped down after each voter.
  - All Voting Stations will be thoroughly wiped down throughout the day.
  - Voter will use a sanitized pencil (eraser-end down) on the machine to make their selection.
  - Voter will place used pencil in the designated bucket for sanitation and reuse.
  
- Sanitation Team – The sanitation team will disinfect any items that come into contact with voters, such as:
  - Electronic check-in computers
  - Voting system equipment
  - Voting Stations
  - Doors leading into and out of the polling place
  - Tables/Chairs

**All Election Judges and Poll Workers will be supplied and advised to wear gloves and masks throughout the day. All Election Judges and Poll Workers will be instructed on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.**