



10 Things Every Minnesota Poll Worker Should Know



As a poll worker, your job is to help every eligible voter make their voice heard. Below is a list of things to know before you report for your poll worker assignment.



1 Social distancing IS required in polling places

Social distancing must be observed even if face coverings are in use. Election judges must advise voters of the mandate to wear face coverings indoors and offer disposable masks to those without a face covering. If a voter refuses to wear a face covering, the election judge should encourage the voter to use curbside voting. If the voter does not want to use curbside voting, they will still be allowed to vote, but their refusal to comply with the mandate will be recorded and reported to the appropriate authorities. For more information on the 2020 elections and COVID-19 visit the Secretary of State's page [HERE](#).



2 Same day voter registration IS permitted in Minnesota

Minnesota voters who are not registered to vote can register on Election Day and vote. To register on Election Day voters must provide proof of residence. For more information on same-day voter registration and what documents constitute permissible proof of residence, visit the Secretary of State's page [HERE](#).



3 Voters have a right to assistance in voting

Voters may bring a family member, friend, neighbor or anyone they choose to help them vote. The only exception is that voters CANNOT get help from someone from a voter's employer or union. People assisting voters are NOT allowed to influence.



4 Voters have a right to orally sign-in

If a voter is unable to sign their name, they have the right to orally confirm their identity and to direct another person to sign their name for them.



5 Curbside voting IS available

Curbside voting is available for anyone who cannot enter the polling place for ANY reason, including concerns for their health. Curbside voting allows a voter to register to vote and vote without leaving their vehicle. If a voter chooses curbside voting, two poll workers will bring out a ballot to the voter's vehicle. If the voter needs to register or update their registration, they will bring out an application as well. When the voters are finished voting, poll workers will bring the voter's ballot inside and put it in the ballot box.



6 Minnesota law allows a person to challenge another voter's eligibility ONLY if they have personal knowledge that the voter isn't eligible to vote

The only action a challenger may take is to contest a voter's eligibility, if and only if they have personal knowledge of that voter's ineligibility. For more information on rules for challengers, see Secretary of State's page [HERE](#).



7 Keep track of your supplies

Pay attention to how many paper and provisional ballots you have at all times. If your supplies may not be sufficient to support turnout, call your local elections office and ask them to send more.



8 If voter registration is current and active, then NO ID is require

This means if voters were successfully registered at least 21 days before Election Day and have not moved or changed names since then, they are NOT required to show an ID. If voters need to register or update their registration, or you have not voted in four years or more, they will need to show [proof of residence](#) before you vote.



9 Take voter intimidation seriously

Nobody, including elections officials, poll workers, or other voters, may harass, coerce or influence a voter's decision regarding any candidate for office or question on the ballot for the election. No one can campaign inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the building. If the polling place is on public property, no one can campaign anywhere on the property, even beyond 100 feet.



10 All voters in line at the 8:00PM closing time must be allowed to register and vote

Most Minnesota polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters in line by 8 p.m. will be able to cast a ballot. Only after all voters and finished voting and have exited the polling should you complete end-of-day poll closure procedures.