

Quick Reference

Health guidelines and recommendations

Person who wishes to become a candidate



As a person who wishes to become a candidate, you have actions to take that require physical interaction with various stakeholders. This quick reference will allow you to carry out these actions in compliance with the health guidelines and recommendations issued by the competent public health authorities¹.

Communications with the returning officer

In your communications with the returning officer, you must:

- prioritize telephone or videoconference communications;
- ask the returning officer to transmit the documentation electronically.
 - If electronic transmission is not possible, retrieve the documentation from an easily accessible location where physical contact is kept to a minimum.
 - If the transmission is done personally, respect the physical distancing rule and wear the intervention mask.

Collection of supporting signatures

When collecting supporting signatures, you will have to meet with electors. During these meetings, you must adhere to the following health guidelines:

- Avoid handshakes.
- Comply with physical distancing rules.
- Refrain from entering the premises.
- Wear the intervention mask.
- Avoid exchanging materials (flyer, form, pencil) by hand.

Filing nomination papers

The filing of nomination papers must be done in person. In this step:

- do not file in-person if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms;
- if possible, make an appointment with the returning officer;

- mandate someone else to file your nomination paper if you are isolating as ordered or recommended by competent public health authorities;
- comply with the physical distancing rule with returning officer or the assistant mandated to receive nominations. Don't forget to wear the intervention mask.

Meeting between candidates and the returning officer

The meeting between you, the other candidates and the returning officer is essential to the smooth operation of the election. At this meeting:

- do not attend in-person if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms;
- avoid handshakes or any other physical contact;
- respect physical distancing with other candidates and election officers and wear the intervention mask;
- bring your own materials (pencils, paper, etc.).

As a candidate, you can act as your own representative on voting days and during the processing of votes by mail. When this occurs, make sure that you wear the intervention mask at all times. In addition, you must follow the returning officer's health guidelines and the election officers' instructions in that regard.

You are also responsible for informing representatives and poll runners on health guidelines in effect on voting days.

For any questions about the application of health measures, contact the returning officer of the municipality in which you are running.

1. [Health protocol to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during the 2021 municipal general election](#)