

**CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE  
GLOSSARY OF ELECTIONS AND COVID-19-RELATED TERMS  
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**ELECTIONS GLOSSARY TERMS**

accessible to voters with disabilities

address confidentiality program – known as Safe at Home, which provides confidential voter registration

address where you live

address for your mail

affidavit of registration

alternative format – examples include, languages other than English, Braille, large print, and recorded audio

amendment

American Independent Party

Americans with Disabilities Act

assistance in voting

Assistant County Clerk

Assistant Registrar of Voters

audio ballot

ballot

ballot box

ballot card

ballot drop box/location

ballot drop off location

ballot measure

ballot stub

bilingual poll worker

bond measure

California Constitution

California Secretary of State's office

candidate

cast a vote

Conditional Voter Registration

confirm your registration

consolidated precinct

constitutional

county

County Clerk

county measure

County Voter Information Guide

decline to state

Democratic Party

district

drive-through or curbside voting

duplicate vote

early voting

elderly voters

election

Election Administration Plan (EAP)

Election Day

election inspector

election observer

election official

election worker

electioneering

electronic pollbook or e-pollbook

eligible voters

fiscal impact

general election

Green Party

identification

initiative measure

instructions to voters

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)

layout guidance

Libertarian Party

local measure

mail ballots

marking device

military and overseas voters

multilingual services

no

No Party Preference

nonpartisan

Office of the Registrar of Voters

official ballot

overvote

paper ballot

Peace and Freedom Party

please print

poll worker

polling place

precinct

pre-registration – California youth can pre-register to vote if they are 16 or 17 years old and meet the other voter registration eligibility requirements and their registration will become active once they turn 18 years old

primary election

proposition

provisional ballot

provisional ballot envelope

public comment period

public consultation meeting

public hearing

recall election

register to vote

registered voters

referendum measure

Remote Accessible Vote by Mail (RAVBM)

replacement ballot

Republican Party

re-register

roster

runoff election

sample ballot

sample ballot booklet

school measure

secrecy sleeve

signature

special election

spoiled ballot

state initiative

state measure

Statewide Special Election

stylus

touch screen

traffic-flow guidance

vote

vote both sides of the ballot

vote center

vote for no more than

vote for one

vote for up to

Vote by Mail

Vote by Mail return envelope

voter

Voter Bill of Rights

voter feedback

voter information pamphlet

voter instructions

voter outreach

voter outreach plan

voter services

Voter's Choice Act

voters with disabilities

voting

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

voting booth

voting equipment

Voting Rights Act

voting station

wheelchair accessible

write-in candidate

yes

## COVID-19-RELATED GLOSSARY TERMS

cleaning supplies

commonly used surfaces

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

County Health Guidance

County Health Officials

coverage of the mouth and nose

COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 prevention plan

COVID-19 symptoms – includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

disinfecting wipes

disposable face covering

disposable gloves

Executive Order N-64-20

Executive Order N-67-20

face covering

face mask

face shield

fever

hand hygiene

hand sanitizer

hand-washing – washing hands with soap and water and scrubbing for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer where soap or running water are unavailable

health and safety

high-traffic areas

illness – reported illness ranges from very mild (some people have no symptoms) to severe illness

one-directional foot traffic

protective equipment – includes face coverings, gloves, and other protective gear

physical barrier

physical distancing

plexiglass

potentially infectious

proper sneezing and coughing etiquette – includes covering coughs and sneezes and washing hands to assist with infection control, as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

public health guidance

public health officials

risk assessment

serious underlying medical conditions – includes such conditions as heart or lung disease or diabetes

Stay-At-Home Order

temperature

voting system cleaning

### **COVID-19-RELATED GLOSSARY PHRASES**

Please wear a facial covering over your nose and mouth.

Maintain physical distance of 6 feet from others.

Avoid physical contact.

Use hand sanitizer at the check-in station.

Place your own ballot into the tabulator or ballot box.

Use hand sanitizer again after you vote.

Thanks for wearing your mask.

Remember to use the hand sanitizer.

Thanks for keeping your distance.

Your ballot is fragile; make sure your hands are dry and your sanitizer has evaporated.

You can put your ballot directly in the tabulator (or ballot box). It's easy.

Drop your activation card in the box so we can sanitize it before the next voter uses it.

Following the guidelines (on face coverings or distancing) can protect you and everyone else, so we do ask that you follow them.

If you don't have a face covering, we'd be happy to provide one (if available).

We regret that you're unwilling to follow the guidelines, but we do respect your right to vote. Please give us a bit of time to organize the area to allow additional physical distance between you, our fellow election workers, observers, and other voters.

Voting by mail is a safe choice to avoid exposure to COVID-19 while voting.

When entering a voting location, please:

- Wear a face covering.
- Maintain physical distance of six feet from people not from your household.
- Use hand sanitizer before approaching the check-in station and after voting.
- Follow any additional guidance provided at the voting location.