

Section 1: COVID-19 Poll Worker Safety

COVID-19 has dramatically affected life in California - including significant impacts on elections. COVID-19 and associated variants remain a continuing threat, and the public health departments remain actively engaged in monitoring, mitigation, and response strategies. The presence of the COVID-19 virus will continue to be an important consideration in the future.

The current California Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 guidance can be found at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>.

Prior to conducting poll worker training, county elections officials should consult their local public health officials for up-to-date health and safety guidance. If state and/or local health guidance is issued, county elections officials should adhere to that guidance and shall train poll workers accordingly. It is essential that county elections officials take all possible steps to ensure the safety of workers and voters.