

2020 ELECTIONS – EARLY VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

In line with expert health advice in response to COVID-19, the ECQ is implementing additional health protections at early voting centres.

People and early voting

The ECQ has employed additional staff and initiated a concierge service to manage elector numbers inside the polling booth and social distancing in queues.

More vulnerable electors will be prioritised in queue management.

The ECQ suggests electors bring their own pencil or pen when they vote and use the hand sanitiser provided.

Polling booth surfaces and provided pencils will be regularly wiped down and disinfected by ECQ staff.

Extended voting hours

Early voting centres are usually open from 9am to 5pm during the first week, and from 9am to 6pm during the second week of early voting.

Early voting centres hours are extended on Wednesday, Thursday until 9pm and Saturday 21 March from 9am to 5pm. Times may vary in different areas so check locations and times at ecq.qld.gov.au.

Election day is Saturday 28 March. Voting hours are from 8am to 6pm.

Extra support for vulnerable electors

Electors who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 are invited to early vote between 9am and 11am each day. This includes older people aged 60 and over.

Additional ECQ staff will be available to provide support for vulnerable electors during the voting process.

On the advice of health experts and to protect the health of vulnerable people, the ECQ has cancelled all polling visits to aged care facilities. We are now working with registered declared institutions to determine the best way to provide voting to residents.

Candidates and political parties

The ECQ has asked all political stakeholders to limit supporters at polling booths and to make how-to-vote cards available without physically handing them out.

When you go to vote:

- ✓ check your voting places and times
- ✓ bring your own pen or pencil
- ✓ leave 1.5 metres between you and others in the queue
- ✓ allow vulnerable electors to go first
- ✓ use hand sanitiser
- ✓ collect a how-to-vote from a pile, not a person

More information

Information about the 2020 local government elections can be found at www.ecq.qld.gov.au or by calling the freecall number 1300 881 665 or emailing ecq@ecq.qld.gov.au.

To check voting places and times go to www.ecq.qld.gov.au and select [Find my polling booth](#) or view our list of [early voting centres](#) or [election day polling booths](#).