



## WEC Newsletter

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### Wisconsin is now in a "closed" voter registration period

Voters can still register, but only in person at the clerk's office. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for review.



### October 29 is the start date for clerks to conduct public testing of voting equipment

Municipal clerks can start testing their voting equipment for the General Election on October 29. The test cannot occur more than 10 days before the election. The purpose of the voting equipment test is to ensure that the equipment is programmed correctly and accurately tabulates votes the they are marked on the ballot.

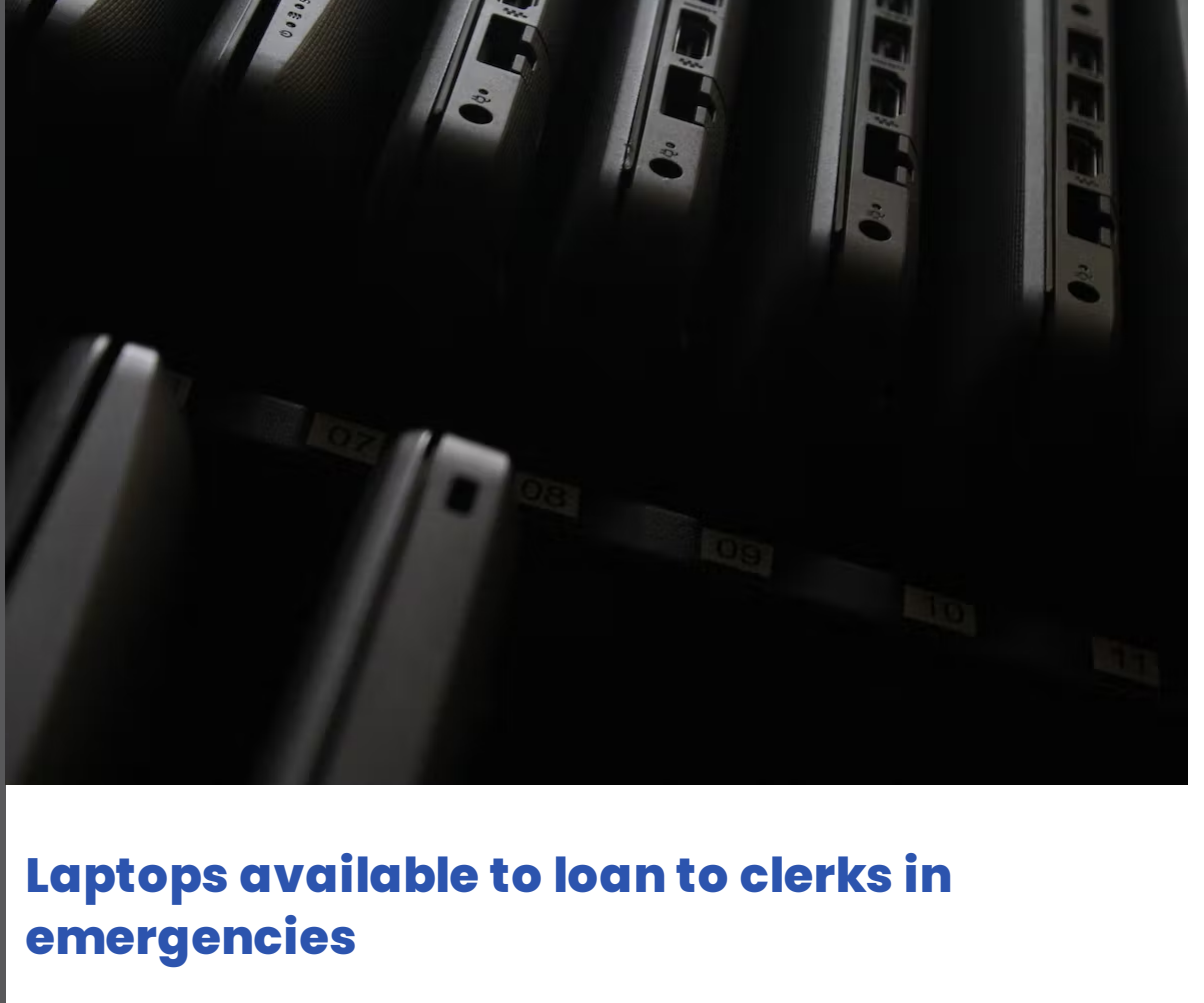
The testing of voting equipment is a public meeting and requires that a public meeting notice be posted at least 48 hours in advance.

The testing is also a great opportunity for poll workers and members of the public to interact with the voting equipment and learn how it works. Increased knowledge and comfort with the voting equipment can help poll workers better explain the equipment to voters and troubleshoot potential issues. And it can also help voters confirm that their ballot will be counted exactly how they marked it.

Pages 144–147 of the Election Administration Manual review the procedures for public testing of voting equipment.

### Check out the WEC's guidance regarding recent emails to clerks from third parties

[Read Clerk Communication](#)



### Laptops available to loan to clerks in emergencies

#### WEC's loaner laptop program can help ensure continuity of elections operations

The Elections Commission maintains a small number of loaner laptops to assist local jurisdictions in continuing elections operations in the face of emergencies like cyber attacks. If your jurisdiction encounters a technical problem that would prevent you from conducting elections, you may request one of these loaner devices for a short period of time until you are able to restore your own equipment. Contact the WEC help desk to request a laptop or for any questions about the program.



### IPAV: In-person absentee voting opens October 25

#### MyVote users are able to see dates and hours available for their municipality

In Wisconsin, absentee voting doesn't just happen by mail; it happens in-person, too! This kind of voting is known as in-person absentee voting, and it takes place in the 14 days leading up to an election.

It's up to each municipality as to when and where in-person absentee voting occurs, and this information must be contained within your Type E notice.

Voters are able to look on the MyVote website to see when in-person absentee voting is offered in their community, so please make sure that information up to date in WisVote. See section 4.11 of the WisVote User Manual for instructions on how to add election-specific absentee options.

### Non-confrontational Techniques Training for Election Workers

A 15-minute video covering **Non-Confrontational Techniques for Election Workers** is now available on YouTube. The training provides an overview of non-confrontational techniques to help election workers recognize potentially escalating situations, determine if emergency response is needed, safely de-escalate, and report appropriately within their organization or to law enforcement. To view the video please visit: [Non-Confrontational Techniques for Election Workers Training Video - YouTube](#).

This is an optional resource provided by the federal government. It is not required for Wisconsin election workers.

### Upcoming Events, Deadlines & Important Dates

#### October 20, 2022

- First day of Wisconsin's "closed" voter registration period prior to the General Election

#### October 25, 2022

- First day of in-person absentee voting at clerk's office or designated alternate site

#### October 27, 2022

- [Webinar](#): WisVote Absentee: Definitive Post-Election Guide

#### October 29, 2022

- First day to conduct public testing of voting equipment

#### October 31, 2022

- Last day for SVDs to make arrangements to visit care facilities

#### November 1, 2022

- Last day for clerks to post notice of SVD visits to care facilities
- USPS recommended deadline to mail completed absentee ballot

#### November 3, 2022

- Deadline for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots (not including IPAV) for the General Election

#### November 4, 2022

- Last day of Wisconsin's "closed" voter registration period
- Deadline for indefinitely confined and calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted
- Deadline for write-in candidates to file for the General Election

#### November 6, 2022

- Last day of in-person absentee voting

#### Upcoming Elections

- November 8, 2022 – General Election
- February 21, 2023 – Spring Primary (if required)
- April 4, 2023 – Spring Election

#### Upcoming Commission Meetings

- November 30, 2022 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting

#### Countdown to the November 8 General Election:

18

Days

18

Hours

29

Minutes

15

Seconds

Questions or comments? Call 608-261-2028 or email [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)



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