

WEC Newsletter

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The Wisconsin Elections Commission has certified the 2022 Partisan Primary

County Clerks

please send WEC your General Election ballot proofs AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

General Election Sample Ballots Available Now

Sample ballot templates for the 2022 General Election have been approved by the Wisconsin Elections Commission and are available on the WEC website.

County clerks are responsible for creating and printing ballots for their municipal clerks. If you haven't already, please confirm with your vendor or ballot printer that you will receive your ballots in time to meet applicable absentee deadlines for all voters with absentee requests on file. For the General Election, ballots must be sent to these electors by September 22, 2022. If you are aware of any printing or supply chain issues that may impact your ability to meet this deadline, please contact us immediately.

County clerks, please send a representative sample of your ballot proofs to elections@wi.gov as you have for prior elections, but please do not submit proofs prior to certification of candidates/determination of ballot order. WEC staff will not provide final approval for ballot proofs prior to this point.

An email survey regarding ballot printing was sent to county clerks last Wednesday. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Go to Survey

Keep in touch, via an updated EL-362

The municipal clerk contact information you provide the WEC plugs directly into MyVote for voters to see, so if your contact information has changed recently please let us know by sending an updated

EL-362.





Polling place accessibility site reviews continue into November General Election

In order to ensure voting in Wisconsin is accessible to everyone, the WEC will once again be sending out site reviewers to conduct Polling Place Accessibility Surveys on Election Day this November.

These reviewers are WEC-trained and will be visiting various polling places throughout the state to evaluate their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Wisconsin election law.

Clerks shouldn't feel nervous if a site reviewer visits one of their polling places; there's no "passing" or "failing" grade. Again, these are just evaluations to see what improvements could be made to ensure polling places are accessible to everyone.

In the meantime, while you're planning for November, we would encourage you to consider how you might be able to make your polling places more accessible to those with disabilities. A great way to start would be making sure your poll workers are familiar with your accessible voting equipment and are able to assist voters in using it.

Another common issue we see is inadequate signage. As you plan for November, take care to ensure there is signage at your locations that clearly identifies them as polling places, in addition to ensuring there are signs that point out the accessible entrance to the polling place.

Emails coming from WEC will soon have a new "From" field address in the

The WEC will soon be transitioning to a new customer service platform, and once that change is made email responses from WEC staff will come from the address helpdesk@electionsupport.wi.gov.





Elections 101 Coming Soon

Just in time for the coming school year, the Wisconsin Elections Commission is releasing a new educational video series called Elections 101, a project aimed at the next generation of voters and experienced electors as well. Elections 101, slated for release in late September, will be available in high school classrooms across Wisconsin, and accessible to the general public as well. The elections education project will spell out the basics of voting and offer easy to follow information on the nuts and bolts of how elections

work in Wisconsin.

Watch for it in late September!

Account Deactivated?

Users who have not logged in to WisVote since the 2020 election will need to have their clerk send a new Request to Add Authorized Users (EL-365).

If you have not logged in for more than two years you may need to repeat training in The Learning Center.

Grant Updates

Election security subgrant program renewed

The renewal of the 2019/2020 Election Security subgrant program was unanimously approved by the Elections Commission at its July 22 meeting. This subgrant program will disburse up to \$1,200 per municipality for cybersecurity improvements.

Eligible improvements include:

- compliant hardware and software
- professional IT support
- security training and assessments
- physical security improvements for election equipment

Look for an announcement coming soon with details and deadlines for application.

Extra! Extra! Read all about ... everything!

Our agency news news releases and Clerk Communications offer easy ways to learn about important updates and information.

Go to WEC News



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our new website was created with input from clerks, voters, and poll workers over multiple usability sessions. User feedback will continue to drive website design. Please let us know how we can improve the website by emailing us at elections@wi.gov

Upcoming Deadlines & Important Dates

August 24, 2022

- Last day for Chair of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the Partisan Primary.
- County clerks prepare General Election ballot proofs to send to WEC for review

August 30, 2022

Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions

for referendum intended for the General Election ballot

August 31, 2022

• Webinar: Clerks 101

September 8, 2022

• Last day for clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statements, and complete election reconciliation for the Partisan Primary in WisVote

September 20, 2022

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September 21, 2022

• Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election.

September 22, 2022

 Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to ANY/ALL electors with valid requests on file for the General Election. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.

Upcoming Elections

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

Upcoming Commission Meetings

- August 31, 2022 Special Meeting
- September 21, 2022 Third Quarterly Meeting
- November 30, 2022 Fourth Quarterly Meeting

Countdown to the Next Election



Questions or comments? Call 608-261-2028 or email elections@wi.gov



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