

FAQs: Important Reminders for the November Election

Q: Should the County Board of Canvassers wait to certify until after a selected municipality completes their audit?

A: No, they don't have to wait until the audit is completed.

Q: If a disaster would happen, could polling hours be extended starting and ending the next morning?

A: A judge would need to extend polling hours.

Q: In reading the registration instructions for the FIDO key, it appears that a user will ONLY be able to use WisVote from one computer? Is that correct, or would a user need to authenticate the key in multiple computers if you happen to work from multiple computer workstations.

A: The FIDO key is tied to your user ID and not the computer so it can be used on multiple machines.

Q: I have multiple users of WisVote in my office during absentee voting who have all had training but only access WisVote during large elections. I do contact the Commission to deactivate and then reactivate these users. Will they all receive FIDO Keys?

A: If they are currently active and use WisVote, yes.

Q: So, our County Clerk said that she would be the one to request an extension of hours? Is that incorrect?

A: The municipal clerk requests the extension of polling place hours. We have developed template documents for clerks and their municipal attorneys to use if they need to request an extension.

Q: Where can I find the template for the Election Day Emergency Response Plan?

A: In the WEC Learning Center, click on the Security Training tile.

Q: Backing up to the FIDO Keys, in a recent communication from Michelle Hawley, she indicated: "To ensure that all users may access WisVote in preparation for the November

General Election, no users will lose access to WisVote prior to November if an authentication method is not registered. So....will users be able to access WisVote on Monday or not?

A: You will need to use the FIDO key or an alternative method. If the FIDO key will not work for you contact the Help Desk and we can work something out to ensure access. Have you received your FIDO keys yet?

Q: We have not yet been contacted by our County Clerk about the FIDO key. Will we be able to access WisVote on Monday, October 22nd? Also, we can only print labels thru Explorer and not Chrome.

A: You will be able to access WisVote. We are working on a fix to the direct print option for Chrome and should have that fixed by the 10/22 rollout.

Q: Should we be keeping track of spoiled absentee ballots on the Inspectors' Statement or some other type of documentation prior to election day?

A: Yes, you should track these ballots on an Inspectors' Statement or log, and you can also track them in WisVote.

Q: An expired WI driver license for photo ID is still valid to use as of which date?

A: The last general election, in this case November 8, 2016.

Q: So presidential election date of November 8, 2016. If the driver's license was expired before that date, they cannot provide it as a Photo ID?

A: Correct. The POR vs. POI Standards document is an excellent reference for expiration date requirements.

Q: "Parking citation for POR" Our tickets don't have any address on them?

A: Then it can't be used as POR. Typically, it's a ticket for a moving violation that will list the individual's name and address.

Q: Is the post-election audit a public meeting that must be noticed?

A: Yes, and anyone may observe.

Q: Do you think this will be the last time to use the ERIC List?

A: I don't know at this time.

Q: Does the voter need to hand their POI to the poll worker or just show it to the worker?

A: The election inspector needs to see it. If that means the voter needs to hand it over or remove it from their wallet, the voter should do so.

Q: Can you write-in a part of the write-in candidate's name and be counted? For example: Pete Dorn; P. Dorn; Pete; Pete D.; Dorn.

A: This is part of determining voter intent by the election inspectors. We have a list of tips in the Election Day manual, but ultimately, it's up to them.

Q: Where would we go to order manuals, like the updated Election Day manual?

A: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/2622>

Q: Who does the audit, the County or the Municipality?

A: The selected municipality, but the county may do it on their behalf.

Q: If we had a Court Order Extension and then it was vacated, how would we identify the ballots that had been voted during that extension?

A: The ballots are marked Section 6.96 so ballots cast after the polls close pursuant to a court order can be removed if the court order is set aside.

Q: Regarding an assisted living facility voter: I just received an email from the city clerk that a voter moved to an assisted living facility in the village and needs to "get set up" for absentee voting. Can I send an SRD there now since they aren't able to drive to my office?

A: Does the voter want to re-register at the facility? If so, they need to be there at least ten days. They can only register at the facility if we are in open registration.

Q: As the clerk, can't I go there myself and register her to vote?

A: You can appoint yourself as an ERO, but still can only register voters during open registration, which closes today at 5 pm.