

# NOTICE OF OPEN AND CLOSED MEETING

## Wisconsin Elections Commission

Special Teleconference-Only Meeting  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
4:00 P.M.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being held via teleconference only. Members of the media and the public may attend by calling 1-855-947-8255. The passcode is 42463#. All public participants' phones will be muted during the meeting.*

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### AGENDA – OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**
- C. Investigations**
  - 1. Consideration of opening an investigation under Wis. Stat. 5.06(4) into whether Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson has failed to comply with the law or abused the discretion vested in him or her by law or proposes to do so.**
  - 2. Consideration of opening an investigation under Wis. Stat. 5.06(4) into whether Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell has failed to comply with the law or abused the discretion vested in him or her by law or proposes to do so.**
- D. Closed Session**
  - 1. Discussion of Litigation Strategy**

19.85 (1) (g) - The Commission may confer with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy.
  - 2. Consideration of Complaints**

19.851 - The Commission's discussions concerning violations of election law shall be in closed session.
- E. Adjourn**

*This notice is given pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.84(3) which provides for two hours advance notice of a meeting when it is impossible or impractical to provide at least 24 hours' notice.*

*The Elections Commission will convene in open session and later move to closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.851. The meeting is not noticed for the Commission to return to open session.*



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**DATE:** For the March 27, 2020 Commission Meeting

**TO:** Members, Wisconsin Elections Commission

**FROM:** Meagan Wolfe, Administrator  
Wisconsin Elections Commission

**SUBJECT:** **Guidance Regarding Indefinitely Confined Voters**

Wis. Stat. § 6.86(2)(a) states as follows:

An elector who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period may by signing a statement to that effect require that an absentee ballot be sent to the elector automatically for every election. The application form and instructions shall be prescribed by the commission, and furnished upon request to any elector by each municipality. The envelope containing the absentee ballot shall be clearly marked as not forwardable. If any elector is no longer indefinitely confined, the elector shall so notify the municipal clerk.

Under Wis. Stat. § 6.87(4)(B)2 an elector who qualifies as indefinitely confined “may, in lieu of providing proof of identification, submit with his or her absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of the ballot which contains the name and address of the elector and verifies that the name and address are correct.” Thus, indefinitely confined electors may satisfy the photo ID requirement by obtaining the signature of a witness on the absentee ballot certificate envelope.

Staff of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) have received numerous inquiries from local election officials, voters and organizations regarding the applicability of the indefinitely confined provisions in light of the developing COVID-19 pandemic and increased risk of exposure. In some cases staff has been asked to provide a bright line rule as to when an individual may designate themselves as indefinitely confined. Must the voter be diagnosed with COVID-19? Residing in the same household with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19? What about individuals who are self-quarantined because they suspect or are concerned that they may have been exposed but are asymptomatic? And given the recent emergency orders of the Governor and Department of Health Services, and medical advice that asymptomatic individuals may be infected or may be carriers of the virus, may a voter designate themselves as indefinitely confined because they fear being exposed or fear exposing others even though they are asymptomatic?

Building on the guidance historically provided regarding the application of Wis. Stat. 6.86(2), WEC posted the following statement as part of an FAQ document on March 22, 2020:

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*Administrator*  
Meagan Wolfe

### Indefinitely Confined Absentee Applications

WEC staff has received numerous questions from clerks about the increase in voters requesting absentee ballots as indefinitely confined. Wisconsin Statutes provide the option for a voter to self-certify whether they meet the definition of indefinitely confined. The statutory definition of "age, illness, infirmity or disability" does not require any voter to meet a threshold for qualification and indefinitely confined status need not be permanent. A voter with a broken leg or one recovering from surgery may be temporarily indefinitely confined and may use that status when voting during that period of time.

We understand the concern over the use of indefinitely confined status and do not condone abuse of that option as it is an invaluable accommodation for many voters in Wisconsin. During the current public health crisis, many voters of a certain age or in at-risk populations may meet that standard of indefinitely confined until the crisis abates. We have told clerks if they do not believe a voter understood the declaration they made when requesting an absentee ballot, they can contact the voter for confirmation of their status. They should do so using appropriate discretion as voters are still entitled to privacy concerning their medical and disability status. Any request for confirmation of indefinitely confined status should not be accusatory in nature.

There may be a need to do some review of the absentee voting rolls after this election to confirm voters who met the definition of indefinitely confined during the public health crisis would like to continue that status. WEC staff has already discussed this possibility and may be able to provide resources to assist clerks with these efforts.

It is important to note that indefinitely confined status does not require medical documentation and it does not require that the elector is completely restricted to their residence and unable to travel outside the residence. The statutory provision requires that the individual is "indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period. . . ."

In recent weeks several organizations have publicized the option for electors to designate themselves as indefinitely confined in light of the public health circumstances. This week the Dane County Clerk and the Milwaukee County Election Commission issued statements regarding this issue which drew increased attention to the indefinitely confined option. Staff has received several inquiries requesting confirmation of the WEC's guidance and whether the statements issued by Dane and Milwaukee Counties were consistent with the WEC's guidance.

In the opinion of WEC staff, the designation of indefinitely confined should be an individual designation left to each voter who must determine whether they are confined to their residence because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability. The question is whether "because of physical illness" may include individuals who have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and yet believe they are confined due to the potential for being exposed or exposed to others with the virus.

The alternative method of complying with the photo ID requirement is a result of the elector's self-designation as indefinitely confined. It also illustrates one of the purposes of the designation which is to allow those individuals to satisfy the photo ID requirement in the event that they do not have a photo ID and will not be able to obtain one in a timely manner, or who have a valid photo ID but are unable to obtain a copy to mail in with their absentee ballot request or upload it with the request through MyVote Wisconsin. As stated in the guidance above, staff does not approve of the use of the indefinitely confined designation simply as a way to avoid the photo ID requirement for individuals who do not qualify for that status. Staff has also spoken with voters who find it impossible to submit a photo ID because they currently do not possess one or are unable to either copy or upload it.

As the Commission is aware, the Governor has declared a public health emergency and the Department of Health Services has issued several emergency orders due to the World Health Organization's declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and other public health officials. Emergency Order #12, issued on March 24, 2020, ordered Wisconsin residents to stay at their place of residence except for certain specified purposes. Residents are permitted to travel to engage in essential activities and essential governmental functions, including voting.

To respond to requests for further guidance, Commission staff proposes the following additional guidance intended to clarify the purpose and proper use of the indefinitely confined status under Wis. Stat. § 6.86(2).

1. Designation of indefinitely confined status is for each individual voter to make based upon their current circumstance. It does not require permanent or total inability to travel outside of the residence. The designation is appropriate for electors who are indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or are disabled for an indefinite period.
2. Indefinitely confined status shall not be used by electors simply as a means to avoid the photo ID requirement without regard to whether they are indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability.
3. Under the unique circumstances of the current public health crisis which includes a global pandemic and official restrictions on the travel of Wisconsin residents, in cases where an elector may possess a photo ID, but does not have the technology to upload a copy or access to a printer or scanner to provide a copy of their ID, the voter may make the individual determination that they qualify as indefinitely confined. If required, electors should attempt to provide a photo ID with their request for an absentee ballot. Submitting an absentee ballot request without a photo ID should be reserved for electors in this category who do not have a valid photo ID and are unable to obtain one for reasons of age, illness, infirmity or disability or who are unable to obtain a copy to submit with their request or upload an image of the ID with their electronic request.

Clerks have also asked WEC staff to provide guidance on if they can ask voters for proof or to verify the voter's indefinite confinement status. In the opinion of WEC staff it is not appropriate to require electors to include a separate statement documenting their reason for indefinite confinement, as it relates to their susceptibility to COVID-19 or for any other reason. The absentee ballot request form

asks voters to certify to their indefinitely confined status. Statutes do not establish the option to require proof or documentation from indefinitely confined voters. Staff has advised clerks that they may tactfully verify with voters that the voter understood the indefinitely confined status designation when they submitted their request but they may not request or require proof. WEC staff has also advised that there may be a need to conduct review of the absentee voting rolls after this election to confirm voters who met the definition of indefinitely confined during the public health crisis still feel they qualify upon the conclusion of the crisis.

### **Recommended Motion**

The Commission adopts the recommended guidance related to the use of indefinitely confined status as outlined above. The guidance described in paragraph numbered 3 above is to be implemented only while travel restrictions imposed by the Governor or Department of Health Services are in effect due to the current COVID-19 public health crisis.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
City of Milwaukee Election Commission  
Wisconsin County Clerks  
Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Meagan Wolfe  
Administrator

**DATE:** March 29, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Guidance for Indefinitely Confined Electors

Due to the continuing spread of COVID-19, staff of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) has received numerous inquiries regarding the application of the indefinitely confined designation for absentee voters under Wisconsin Statutes. At its meeting of March 27, 2020, the Commission discussed this issue and adopted the following guidance related to the use of indefinitely confined status to assist local election officials working with absentee voters:

1. Designation of indefinitely confined status is for each individual voter to make based upon their current circumstance. It does not require permanent or total inability to travel outside of the residence. The designation is appropriate for electors who are indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or are disabled for an indefinite period.
2. Indefinitely confined status shall not be used by electors simply as a means to avoid the photo ID requirement without regard to whether they are indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability.

This guidance is consistent with and supplements previous statements of the WEC related to absentee voters who may qualify as indefinitely confined or “permanent” absentee voters. For ease of reference, on March 24, 2020, the WEC posted the following guidance in one of its FAQ documents addressing issues related to conducting the Spring Election in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic:

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### Indefinitely Confined Absentee Applications

WEC staff has received numerous questions from clerks about the increase in voters requesting absentee ballots as indefinitely confined. Wisconsin Statutes provide the option for a voter to self-certify whether they meet the definition of indefinitely confined. The statutory definition of "age, illness, infirmity or disability" does not require any voter to meet a threshold for qualification and indefinitely confined status need not be permanent. A voter with a broken leg or one recovering from surgery may be temporarily indefinitely confined and may use that status when voting during that period of time.

We understand the concern over the use of indefinitely confined status and do not condone abuse of that option as it is an invaluable accommodation for many voters in Wisconsin. During the current public health crisis, many voters of a certain age or in at-risk populations may meet that standard of indefinitely confined until the crisis abates. We have told clerks if they do not believe a voter understood the declaration they made when requesting an absentee ballot, they can contact the voter for confirmation of their status. They should do so using appropriate discretion as voters are still entitled to privacy concerning their medical and disability status. Any request for confirmation of indefinitely confined status should not be accusatory in nature.

There may be a need to do some review of the absentee voting rolls after this election to confirm voters who met the definition of indefinitely confined during the public health crisis would like to continue that status. WEC staff has already discussed this possibility and may be able to provide resources to assist clerks with these efforts.

This guidance is based upon applicable statutes. An elector who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period may by signing a statement to that effect require that an absentee ballot be sent to the elector automatically for every election. *Wis. Stat. § 6.86(2)(a)*. The absentee ballot request form asks voters to certify to their indefinitely confined status. Statutes do not establish the option to require proof or documentation from indefinitely confined voters. Clerks may tactfully verify with voters that the voter understood the indefinitely confined status designation when they submitted their request but they may not request or require proof.

An elector who qualifies as indefinitely confined “may, in lieu of providing proof of identification, submit with his or her absentee ballot a statement signed by the same individual who witnesses voting of the ballot which contains the name and address of the elector and verifies that the name and address are correct.” *Wis. Stat. 6.87(4)(b)2*. Thus, indefinitely confined electors may satisfy the photo ID requirement by obtaining the signature of a witness on the absentee ballot certificate envelope.

Electors who are indefinitely confined due to age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may be unable to obtain a current photo ID or make a copy to submit with their written absentee ballot request or upload an image of their photo ID with their electronic request through MyVote Wisconsin. If a clerk is contacted by an elector in such circumstances,

WEC recommends discussing the options and making the voter aware of the criteria for qualifying as an indefinitely confined elector.

If any elector is no longer indefinitely confined, they shall so notify the municipal clerk. *Wis. Stat. 6.86(2)(a)*. An elector also loses indefinitely confined status if they do not vote in a Spring or General Election and do not respond to a mailing from the municipal clerk asking whether they wish to continue automatically receiving absentee ballots. *Wis. Stat. 6.86(2)(b)*. Finally, the municipal clerk shall remove the name of any elector from the list of indefinitely confined electors upon receipt of reliable information that an elector no longer qualifies for that designation and service. The clerk shall notify the elector of such action not taken at the elector's request within 5 days, if possible. *Wis. Stat. § 6.86(2)(b)*.

If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact the Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov).



**GEORGE L. CHRISTENSON**  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY CLERK

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I have informed municipal clerks in Milwaukee County that during this emergency, and based on the Governor's Safer at Home Order as well as guidance from the Wisconsin Election Commission, that it is appropriate that Milwaukee County voters requesting an absentee ballot may declare themselves as indefinitely confined to their homes. By declaring themselves indefinitely confined, it will be easier for Milwaukee County voters to participate in this election by mail in these difficult times.

I urge all voters who request a ballot and do not have the ability or equipment to upload a valid ID to indicate that they are indefinitely confined. Voters should not be reluctant to check the box that says they are indefinitely confined because this is a pandemic and this option exists in state law to help preserve everyone's right to vote.

The process works like this:

- A voter visits [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to request a ballot.
- A voter can select a box that reads "I certify that I am indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability and request ballots to be sent to me for every election until I am no longer confined or fail to return a ballot."
- The voter is then able to skip the step of uploading an ID in order to receive a ballot for April 7th election.

Voters are confined to their homes due to COVID-19 illness. When the Safer at Home Order by the Governor is lifted, the voter can change the designation back by contacting their municipal clerk or by updating their information on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

**From:** McDonell, Scott

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:28 PM

**To:** Alene Houser - City of Monona; Alyssa Gross; Angela Volkman; Angie Runde; Ann Sayles; Arrin Linzenmeyer; Barbara Roesslein; Ben Kollenbroich; Bill Chang; Bob Anderson; Bob Riege; Brandon Bledsoe; Brenda Ayers; Brenda Kahl; Brian Wilson; Caitlin Stene; Candee Christen; Candie Jones; Cassandra Suettinger ([Cassandra.Suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:Cassandra.Suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us)); Cathy Hasslinger - Town of Dunn; Christina Kahl; Christine Capstran - Village of Windsor; Cindy Hegg Lund - City of Edgerton; Courtney Beuthin; Curt Winter; Dawn George; Dianah Fayas; Donna Schoor; Elena Hilby; Ellen Clark; Holly Licht; Jami Erickson; Jennifer Hanson - Town of Oregon; Jennifer Wood; Jim Verbick; Jo Ramsfield; Joan Andrusz - City of Monona; John Wright - Town of Verona; Joy Hanson; Julie Hanewall; Kadie Butteris; Karla Endres - Village of Shorewood Hills; Kathleen Clark; Kathy Wilson - Town of Christiana; Kathy Wilson - Town of Christiana; Katie Zelle; Kayla Martin; Kelsey Shepperd; Kendra Tutsch; Kim Banigan - Town of Cottage Grove; Kim Grob; Laurie Helt; Linda Dieckhoff; Linda Kuhlman; Lindsey Johnson; Lisa Kalata; Lisa Meinholz; Lisa Moen - Village of Cambridge; Liz McCredie - Village of Deerfield; Lorie Burns - City of Middleton; LuAnn Leggett - Village of DeForest; Maribeth Witzel-Behl - City of Madison; Mary Jo Michek; Mary Liebig; Mary Price - Town of Perry; Matt Schuenke; McDonell, Scott; Melanie Huchthausen - Town of Dunkirk; Michelle Marx; Mike Freitag; Mike Wolf - Town of Blooming Grove; Nancy Meinholz - Town of Cross Plains; Nicole Bronkhorst; Peggy Haag; Pili Hougan; Rodriguez, Rachel; Renee Bratton; Renee Schwass - Town of Madison; Rhonda Wiedenbeck; Ruth Hansen; Sarah Danz; Shellie Benish; Stacey Harmon; Stephanie Goth; Stephanie Zwettler; Sue Dietzen; Susan Duerst Severson; Tammy Jordan; Tanya O'Malley; Teresa Hughes Groves; Tom Wilson - Town of Westport; Tracy Oldenburg; Vicki Olson; Wendy Stoeckler

**Subject:** Voters may indicate as needed that they are indefinitely confined due to illness

**Importance:** High

Dane County Clerks-

During this emergency and based on the Governors Stay at Home order I am declaring all Dane County voters may indicate as needed that they are indefinitely confined due to illness. This declaration will make it easier for Dane County voters to participate in this election by mail in these difficult times. I urge all voters who request a ballot and have trouble presenting a valid ID to indicate that they are indefinitely confined.

People are reluctant to check the box that says they are indefinitely confined but this is a pandemic. This feature in our law is here to help preserve everyone's right to vote.

The process works like this:

- A voter visit's [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) to request a ballot.
- A voter can select a box that reads "I certify that I am indefinitely confined due to age illness, infirmity or disability and request ballots be sent to me for every election until I am no longer confined or fail to return a ballot.
- The voter is then able to skip the step of uploading an ID in order to receive a ballot for the April 7 election.

Voters are confined due to the **COVID-19 illness**. When the Stay at Home order by the Governor is lifted, the voter can change their designation back by contacting their clerk or updating their information in [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)

Voters who are able to provide a copy of their ID should do so and not indicate that they are indefinitely confined. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Scott A. McDonell**

**Dane County Clerk**

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March 26, 2020

Dear Wisconsin Election Commission,

I am writing to file an official complaint regarding the decision made by election officials in Dane County, Milwaukee County, and other jurisdictions in the State of Wisconsin to ignore the procedures and definitions when determining whether an elector is an indefinitely confined voter. If different processes and procedures are to be incorporated in the electoral process due to a state emergency, that decision can and should be made by the Wisconsin Election Commission, not a county or municipal clerk.

I do not disagree, that this is one of those times. I recognize the COVID-19 has caused anxiety for many older Americans and we must be fluid when administering our April 7th election. This includes, but is not limited to, special considerations for poll workers and safety measures for early voting and Election Day activity.

With that said, safeguards can and should be incorporated into the process. For example: According to the CDC, if a citizen is 60 or older or has an immune deficiency, they should remain in their home. A statement to that effect should be made by the requester. Furthermore, the requester should already be a registered voter to be allowed to forgo the photo ID requirement. Additionally, the indefinitely confined form, if not already on file, should only be used for this election and cannot be renewed.

I am asking the Wisconsin Election Commission to order these local clerks to follow the laws covering indefinitely confined voters as currently written unless the Commission votes to make temporary changes to the procedures in place in response to the current state health emergency. Please do NOT allow local clerks, county clerks or a local election commissions to make decision that will disenfranchise electors in other areas of the state!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Bernier". The signature is fluid and cursive.

KATHY BERNIER

State Senator

23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues

## Informal complaints submitted through website

**From:** [reid.magney@wi.gov](mailto:reid.magney@wi.gov) <[reid.magney@wi.gov](mailto:reid.magney@wi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:49 AM  
**To:** Elections HelpDesk <[elections@wisconsin.gov](mailto:elections@wisconsin.gov)>; Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS  
<[Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov)>  
**Subject:** Webform submission from:

Submitted on March 26, 2020 - 11:49am Submitted by: Anonymous Submitted values are: \*Your Name\* Mark Belling \*Your Address\* 1008 E OGDEN AVE MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin. 53202 \*Telephone\* 4145419130 [1] \*Email Address\* [markbelling@iheartmedia.com](mailto:markbelling@iheartmedia.com) [2] \*Complaint Against\* Milwaukee County Election Commission/Clerk \*Address (if known)\* 901 N.Stree Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53233 \*I allege that:\* Milwaukee County Election Commission is advising clerks to waive Voter ID requirement for all absentee voters even if they are not indefinitely confined.  
<https://www.facebook.com/milwaukeecountyclerk/photos/a.1072551439483702/3692931477445672/?type=3&theater> [1] <tel:4145419130> [2] <mailto:markbelling@iheartmedia.com>

**From:** [reid.magney@wi.gov](mailto:reid.magney@wi.gov) <[reid.magney@wi.gov](mailto:reid.magney@wi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 11:05 AM  
**To:** Elections HelpDesk <[elections@wisconsin.gov](mailto:elections@wisconsin.gov)>; Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS  
<[Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov)>  
**Subject:** Webform submission from:

Submitted on March 27, 2020 - 11:05am Submitted by: Anonymous Submitted values are: \*Your Name\* Representative Janel Brandtjen \*Your Address\* 2 E. Main St. Madison, Wisconsin. 53703 \*Telephone\* 608-267-2367 [1] \*Email Address\* [rep.brandtjen@legis.wi.gov](mailto:rep.brandtjen@legis.wi.gov) [2] \*Complaint Against\* Milwaukee & Dane County Election Officials \*I allege that:\* Please consider this an official complaint to the Wisconsin Election Commission. During the State of Wisconsin's April 7th election, the Milwaukee and Dane County election officials have abused the process of determining whether an elector is "indefinitely confined," which refers to a permanent disability. By willfully advising voters to use this term, and not provide photo ID's indefinitely, these clerks are illegally gaming the system to mislead voters. Instead, WEC should have been notified by the county clerks about their COVID-19 concerns, and requested help from WEC. I am requesting WEC order these clerks to follow existing laws and abandon their misleading practice. The continuation of disregarding existing laws creates questions and confusion of the legitimacy of the current election, and WEC should have been consulted before any changes to existing law were made by the clerks. If different procedures are needed during the Safer At Home timeframe, WEC should have been consulted prior to the clerks taking these matters into their own hands. [1] <tel:608-267-2367> [2] <mailto:rep.brandtjen@legis.wi.gov>