

Summary of Protocols from Clerk's Safety Plan Leading to this Decision.

Following is a list of protocols, pasted directly from the Safety Plan and associated documents that concerned me the most.

TRAFFIC FLOW:

- Require foot traffic be one-directional.
- Based on structural elements, all polling places will be laid out with a pattern to move voters through a one-directional, circular flow.
- The entrance and exit will be separated where possible and signage supplied to direct voters through the proper door

It's not realistic to direct patrons leaving the building to exit through the Meeting Room. Patrons don't want to walk through the polling location, and it's unlikely the poll workers will allow them to do so.

FACE COVERINGS:

The state and county cannot mandate voters wear masks. Per the Clerk's guidelines, "no voter may be refused the opportunity to vote if they are unable to wear a face covering for any reason." That is fine if the rule applied only to the Meeting Room, but the rule applies to the vestibule and lobby as well. Following are two sections detailing these requirements.

- A supply of face coverings for voters that arrive at the polling place without one will be available. **Due to the absence of outdoor election workers, face coverings are unable to be placed outside the voting room.** The Hosting Organization may provide representatives stationed outside the voting room to offer face coverings to patrons entering the building but **may not force anyone there for voting to wear one.**
- The Lake County Clerk's Office and its commissioned elections team members are **prohibited from preventing a noncompliant voter from casting a ballot for refusal to wear a face covering outside or inside a polling place.** **Hosting Organizations are also being prohibited from preventing a noncompliant voter from casting a ballot for refusal to wear a face covering outside or inside a polling place.** The Lake County Clerk's Office will not be screening voters inside or outside the polling place for COVID-19 symptoms. No Hosting Organization is authorized by the Lake County Clerk's office to conduct any kind of COVID-19 health screening or temperature checks of voters.

Despite the Clerk's protocols, we will provide face masks, hand sanitizers, and gloves in the vestibule as usual.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- Every document mentions the requirement for voters to maintain a six foot distance between each other. I really don't want to put staff in the position of having to enforce this rule in this political environment.
- It would be difficult enough keeping voters socially distanced. It would be much more complicated to also try maintaining that distance with patrons moving through the vestibule and lobby