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Voter Tips and Tools for May 12 Primary Election

LINCOLN - Secretary of State Bob Evnen is outlining what to expect at the polls for the primary election Tuesday, May 12. Primary Election. Polls will be open May 12 from 8:00am – 8:00 pm Central Time (CDT) and 7:00am -7:00 pm Mountain Time (MDT).

Check your voter registration and polling place. You can check the status of your voter registration and location of your polling place by contacting your county election office or logging onto https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/ If you voted early by mail, or have to complete a provisional ballot on Election Day, you can go to the same website to check the status of your ballot.

Change of address. If you have moved within your county, but have not updated your voter registration, you can still vote. You will need to go to your new precinct in order to obtain a provisional ballot. To identify the polling place for your current address, go to https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/

Be Prepared Before going to the polls; make an effort to become informed about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Sample ballots are printed in the newspapers and posted on county websites.

Campaigning prohibited Campaign items such as buttons, stickers and T-shirts are not allowed in a polling place. It is illegal to campaign within 200 feet of a polling site. Campaign signs can be installed on private property within 200 feet of a polling site, provided that the property does not include where the polling place is located.

Conduct at the Polls. To protect our voters and poll workers, here are additional rules of the road at the polls for our May 12 primary.

- A mask will be available for you if you do not have one
- A black pen to mark your ballot will be given to you to keep
- Voting booths and ballot sleeves will be wiped down after each voter is finished voting
- Maintain proper distance of 6 feet away from others
- Respect your poll workers
- Be patient, many poll workers are new this year
- Be sure to thank your poll worker for their service

Special accommodations and assistance If you require special assistance to vote at your polling site, let the poll worker know. Curbside help is available for those who have difficulty walking or utilizing assistive devices for mobility. Our new Express Vote ballot marking devices are available. Be sure to let a poll worker know what accommodations you might need.

Provisional Ballots If you happen to lose a ballot, spoil it or have not received your early ballot by Election Day, you can still vote with a provisional ballot at your polling place. That ballot will be counted once it is confirmed that no other ballots have been cast for you.

Unofficial results for statewide races will be posted and refreshed starting 8:00 pm (CDT) and 7:00pm (MDT) on the Secretary of State's website https://sos.nebraska.gov/

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