

# Patient Voting

Note: If you have any questions or comments contact IPC at [ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca](mailto:ipcsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca).

## Best practice recommendations

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) recommends routine practices be followed by patients and elections staff when taking part in voting activities within Alberta Health Services (AHS) facilities.

### Patients

Patients going to a voting station within an AHS facility shall perform hand hygiene before leaving their rooms. Any mobile patient on additional precautions may leave their room to go to a voting area. In addition to performing hand hygiene, they shall also don a clean hospital gown, house coat and mask (as required). Healthcare providers can assist the patient before leaving their room to vote.

### Election officials

Officials shall perform hand hygiene:

- on entering a facility;
- on entry to a unit; and
- when entering and leaving each patient bedside.

Officials who enter a space with an additional precautions sign shall don and doff personal protective equipment (PPE) as directed on the sign. Officials may ask staff for direction and assistance if they have any concerns. Items taken into the patient's space, e.g., pens or clipboards, need to be cleaned with a hospital approved disinfectant wipe prior to moving to next patient.

**Note:** Paper does not pose risk for transmission of germs. Ballot papers can safely be placed in the ballot box without causing any risk to handlers of those ballot papers.