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2. What to do if you test positive for Covid-19 on election day, 5 May 2022



## Safety measures at the polling station

Polling stations will be safe places to vote on 5 May. To keep voters and polling staff safe, you might be asked to wear a mask, keep your distance from others, and to use hand sanitiser.

## What to do if you test positive for Covid-19

Do not vote in person if you test positive for Covid-19 close to election day, 5 May 2022.



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If you test positive for Covid-19, you can ask someone you trust to vote on your behalf at your polling station. They must vote for the person or people you want to vote for. This is called an emergency proxy.



You will need to call your local elections team if you need this. You will be asked to fill in a new form to apply for an emergency proxy vote. The form will be very similar to the voter registration form.

When you fill out your emergency proxy form you will need complete:



- Your name
- Address where you are registered to vote
- the details of the person you have chosen as your proxy who will vote for you. They must be registered to vote and able to vote at this election

To find out how to contact your local elections team visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter)

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If you have any questions you can call the Mencap election hotline on 0207 696 6009.

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