



COVID-19

Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force



Election Advisory

All existing standards as enforced by the Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency and the Pohnpei Department of Health and Social Services are to be followed strictly.

1. Install handwashing stations at polling areas and equip all polling booths with hand sanitizers.
2. Ensure people at polling stations strictly adhere to the physical distancing guidelines and crowd management procedures.
 - The voting area and queuing zones should have floor markings of at least 6 feet distance apart.
 - Security personnel deployed to polling stations should help enforce compliance to above physical distancing guidelines and manage the crowd.
3. Election officers (boards and tabulators) must wear face masks/covering.
4. Where possible, advise villages to attend polling stations at designated times. For example, hours X-Y for Village-1 and hours Y-Z for Village-2. That way, the crowd can be easily managed, and the risk of COVID-19 transmission reduced.
5. Additionally, adopt below basic precautionary measures to minimize risk of COVID-19 transmission:
 - Frequent hand washing with soap or use of sanitizers.
 - Reduce handling of polling papers and documents to the barest minimum.
 - Frequently clean surfaces touched by people and disinfect voting equipment to minimize COVID-19 transmission.
 - Use open air or outdoor facilities as much as possible.

This Advisory is subject to change when new information becomes available.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (High Temperature)
- Shortness of Breath
- Persistent Dry Cough
- Breathing Difficulty

