

Welcome!

# 2020 Blue Earth County Election Judge Training

## Introduction to Elections

Objectives:

*Introduction | Elections Big Picture | Roles in Election  
Election Judge Training Program | Pandemic Security | Common Questions*

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Introductions

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# Training Plan

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<b>Elections Big Picture</b> What is an election all about?	1 min
<b>Roles in Elections</b> What tasks might I complete as an Election Judge?	2 min
<b>Election Judge Training</b> What sort of training will I get?	2 min
<b>Pandemic Security</b> How is the County responding to COVID-19?	4 min
<b>Common Questions &amp; Answers</b> What if I have more questions?	1 min

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## Election Judges and Election Day

Big Picture

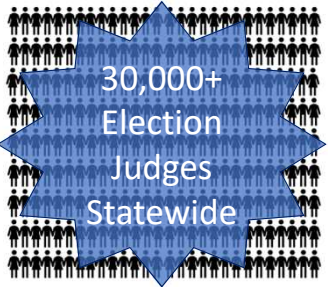


**350+**  
Blue Earth County




**Aug 11**  
**Nov 3**

Big elections in 2020  
...means...  
Election Judges will help  
things run smoothly




**30,000+**  
Election  
Judges  
Statewide



**4 to 25**  
Assigned to a  
Precinct

Serving as an election judge is a chance to  
learn about elections  
and serve the community



as a fundraiser or community activity  
with your favorite organization

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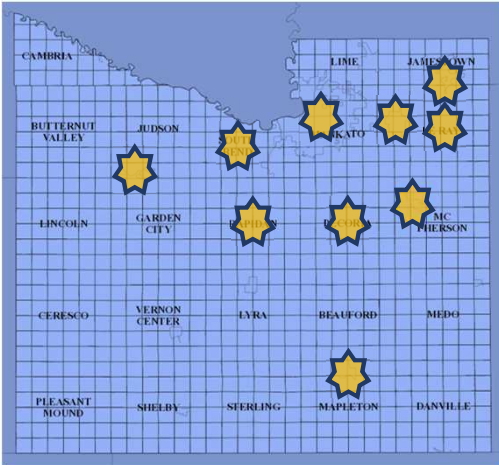
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## Election Judges Serve Many

Election Stats

By the Numbers...	
Election Day Precincts	27
Total Precincts	54
Poll Pads deployed to check in voters	124
Speed packet of materials delivered	22
Registered Voters	37,000
Voters on 2018 General Election Day	20,400
Voters registered on Election Day	3,200 – 6,000
Percent of votes cast on Election Day	72%



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## Election Judge Qualifications

Roles in Elections

Eligible to Vote in MN

Able to read, write, and speak English

Complete online application

Complete election judge training requirements

**Other Restrictions:**

- Cannot work in the same precinct/same shift with a spouse or family member
- Cannot be a candidate, be a relative, or live with a candidate on the ballot
- Cannot discuss candidate(s), question(s) or voter(s)
- Cannot wear
  - Any clothing that endorses a candidate
  - Any clothing with slogans, band names, or propaganda

**Student Judges**  
(16 and 17 years old)  
have special requirements.

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## Election Judge Roles and Duties

Roles in Elections

Registration Judge

Tabulator Judge

Demonstration Judge

Register new voters

Set up the polling place

Hand voters ballots

Monitor the ballot counter

Sign in voters

Assist Voters

Record and certify results

Get Paid!

Ballot Judge

Head Judge

Roster Judge

Greeter Judge

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# Guidance and Protocols

Pandemic Security

### Likely to be Ever-Changing

### Continue to Follow Current Guidance

Information included in each training class

#### Current Guidance

- Personal prevention measures
- Staying home when sick
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Face coverings recommended
- Signage/messaging
- Encourage 6 ft social distancing
- Barriers can be used
- Cleaning protocols
- Reduce “shared objects” unless cleaned

#### Resources:


- EAC/Elections Infrastructure (federal level)**  
[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/inpersonvoting/Health and Safety at the Polling Place\\_052820.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/inpersonvoting/Health%20and%20Safety%20at%20the%20Polling%20Place_052820.pdf)
- CDC Polling Locations (federal level)**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html>
- MDH General Info and Signage (state level)**  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/>
- City/School/County Policies and Procedures**

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## Elections During a Pandemic

Pandemic Security




### Processes and Strategies

- Prevention and Awareness
- Polling place management
- Lines and queuing
- Cleaning and sanitization
- Utilizing equipment/technology
- Ideas/experiences of Election Judges




### Tools and Equipment

- Face Shields (for Election Judges)
- Masks (for EJs and limited voters)
- Disinfectant (spray bottles/towels)
- Hand sanitizer (and dispensers)
- Pens (plan to collect/clean)
- Ballot privacy papers



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## What if I have More Questions?

Common Questions

### How do I complete the training?

**Answer**

Complete it online, using the Election Judge Portal link that was provided in your Election Judge email. Let us know if you need help.

### How do I become a Head Judge?

**Answer**

Call or email us!!! We'd love to add Head Judges and we will place you in a precinct with another experienced Head Judge.

### Can I pick my Election Day polling place?

**Answer**

We do what we can to accommodate special requests or needs, but we can't guarantee assignments. Please let us know of any accommodations.

### When will I know my assignment?

**Answer**

After you complete training and when we get closer to the election day(s).

### Do I need to attend in-person training?

**Answer**

The Capstone is optional but encouraged for Election Judges.

### What's next?!?!?

**Answer**

Please finish your training as soon as possible so you can be prepared.

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Thanks...and here's contact info...

Thank You



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