

Voting safely in the 2022 elections

On Thursday 5 May 2022, residents in Eastleigh will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them. Anyone who is registered to vote will be able to vote for a local councillor.

The elections are taking place at a time when Covid-19 continues to present risks to public health. We will have measures in place to ensure polling stations are safe places to vote.

Further information can also be found on the Electoral Commission's website at: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

We will put arrangements in place to help ensure polling stations are safe places to vote, such as face coverings, social distancing and encouraging voters to bring their own pen or pencil. Pencils will be available at the polling station and these will be sanitised after each use.

If you prefer to vote by post, you can apply by completing and returning a form by 5pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022. Or you can appoint a proxy who will vote on your behalf by completing and returning a proxy application by 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

Both forms can be found at: <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/council/elections-and-voting/voting/postal-and-proxy-voting>

We want to make sure that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to do so. You must not attend a polling station if you have Covid-19 symptoms, if you have tested positive for Covid-19 or if you have been told to self-isolate. In these circumstances you can apply for an emergency proxy vote so someone else can vote on your behalf.

To apply for a proxy vote in an emergency (for example, if you are having to self-isolate due to Covid-19) complete and return an emergency proxy form found at <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/council/elections-and-voting/voting/postal-and-proxy-voting>, explaining why you can't get to your polling station in person and return it to elections@eastleigh.gov.uk by 5pm on polling day (Thursday 5 May 2022).