

# Voting if you have COVID-19

**BE COVIDSAFE**

If you have tested positive to COVID-19 and will be in isolation on election day, you won't be able to vote in person at a polling place for the 2022 federal election on Saturday 21 May.

Phone voting will be available from Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 May, for people who tested COVID-19 positive after 6.00pm local time Friday 13 May.

If you are a close contact without symptoms and don't need to isolate, you can still vote in person at a polling place.



## How to vote by phone

### 1 Register

- Prepare evidence of being COVID-19 positive. This should be:
  - if PCR - the location of the testing centre, date and time of your positive test and the reference number from your health authority (if available)
  - if RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) - the brand and serial number (if available), the date and time of your positive test, and reference number from the health authority you registered your positive test with (if available).
- Call **1800 413 960** and select option 1 to register. You can ask for an interpreter who speaks your language. Have your evidence ready, as during the call you will be asked to declare that you are unable to attend a polling place because you are isolating with COVID-19.
- You will be sent an eight-digit phone voting registration number and your six-digit secure PIN by SMS or email. You must use these when you call to cast your vote.

### 2 Voting

**It is possible there will be lengthy call wait times.**

- Go to the link from your SMS or email to view an image of the ballot papers for your electoral division.
- Have your eight-digit registration number, PIN, and voting preferences ready.
- Call **1800 413 960** and select option 2 to vote. You can ask for an interpreter who speaks your language. The operator will ask you to:
  - make another declaration about your eligibility to vote by phone
  - provide your eight-digit registration number and six-digit secure PIN (don't provide your name or address - this ensures your vote stays secret)
  - confirm you have an image of your ballot papers in front of you
  - describe how you would like the operator to record your vote
  - confirm this is how you wish to vote, before finalising the call.

# Operating hours

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## Online registration

Opens	Wednesday 18 May	6.01pm AEST
Closes	Saturday 21 May	4.00pm AEST

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## Phone registration

Thursday 19 May	8.30am to 5.30pm local time
Friday 20 May	8.30am to 5.30pm local time
Saturday 21 May	8.00am to 4.00pm local time

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Friday 20 May	8.30am to 6.00pm local time
Saturday 21 May	8.00am to 6.00pm local time

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You will still be able to cast your vote if you have registered and are waiting on the line to vote when polls close at 6.00pm on Saturday 21 May.

## Your vote is secure

Procedures to ensure the integrity of phone voting are the same as the procedures the Australian Electoral Commission applies at a polling place, which adhere to the Electoral Act.