N95DECON, a nonpartisan group of scientists, suggests five steps to help you stay healthy when voting in person. To further minimize COVID exposure, consider voting by mail or dropping your ballot off at a drop box.

1. Wear a mask

Even if you don’t normally wear a mask, putting one on for election day is the best way to protect yourself and your fellow voters.[1][2]

2. Open the windows if you share a ride

Fresh air dilutes and removes viral particles.

~20-fold reduction with windows down[3]

3. Bigger spaces are better, and outside is best

Waiting in line is likely the highest risk part of voting in person. Where you wait matters[4]!

4. Keep your distance

Stay at least six feet apart from others.

5. Sanitize your hands

Clean your hands before and after voting with an alcohol-based sanitizer or soap and water.

[3] https://doi.org/10.1038/sj.jes.7500601

N95DECON is a 501(c)(3) non-profit providing data-driven guidance on ways to reduce transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on mask use by the public, visit www.n95decon.org.