

Guide for running as a candidate

In the context of the prevailing pandemic, health measures have been taken to ensure that elections are held in a safe manner. The purpose of this guide is to lead you through your nomination process.

Avoid face-to-face contact

- As much as possible, avoid face-to-face contact with either the Returning Officer or his team during this process;
- It is better to use the telephone or videoconferencing if you have questions.

 Remember to wear a face covering when taking certain steps in person!

To obtain a nomination paper

You are not required to meet the Returning Officer (or his assistant) in person to obtain a nomination paper and the related information.

- You may request access to a digital copy online or have it sent by email;
- You can also request that the package be available for you to pick up from the Returning Officer's office.

 The completed *Register of people met in obtaining either a signature of support or a political contribution* must be submitted, as required:

- to the Returning Officer or the designated assistant when submitting the nomination paper;
- to the Returning Officer when the elector applies to register as an independent candidate;
- to the Director General of the School Board, along with any contribution receipts.

Submitting a nomination paper

 Avoid line ups!

- Ask for a meeting with the Returning Officer, or his assistant, to submit the nomination paper.

Persons in voluntary or mandatory self-isolation

Your candidacy can still be submitted even if you are voluntarily or mandatorily self-isolating. Ask the Returning Officer or his assistant for information.

 For your own safety, it is recommended that the guidelines be followed for any one of the following situations:

- You are 70 years of age or older;
- You have a chronic illness or a compromised immune system;
- You are voluntarily or mandatorily self-isolating.
- You can designate another person to submit your nomination paper to the Returning Officer on your behalf. This person must show an original piece of identification.
- You can be sworn in by remote means.

Guidelines for meetings with electors and for the collection of supporting signatures

Contact with electors either while collecting supporting signatures or during the electoral campaign is integral to the nomination process. To limit the risk of spreading COVID-19 as much as possible during these meetings, the instructions below must be respected.

Instructions to be followed		
1.	A meeting has been scheduled with the signatory in a specific area limiting gatherings (e.g.: behind the wheel of a car, outdoors, in a private residence or in a public place that allows for health measures and distancing rules to be followed).	
2.	A sufficient amount of time has been allocated to each signatory to avoid signatories gathering in the same place.	
3.	The signatory has been provided with a hand disinfectant before and after handling the form submitted for their signature.	
4.	The signatory has been invited to wear a face covering and provide their own pen.	
5.	A separate page for this purpose has been provided to each signatory to sign and enter the information required by law.	
6.	All equipment used for the meeting has been disinfected before and after said meeting (e.g.: a chair).	
7.	Hand washing rules have been complied with when handling any forms filled out by a signatory.	
8.	A two (2) metre distance between the signatory and the candidate has been fully respected at all times and direct contact avoided during greetings (e.g.: handshaking).	
9.	In the event of an inquiry by public health officials, the name and contact information of each person met, including anyone who has refused to provide a signature, have been recorded in a register.	