

Health protocol to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during any municipal election



Register of persons met to obtain a supporting signature or a political contribution¹

Important information

Pursuant to Order [2020-060](#) of the Minister of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux of August 28, 2020, the **maximum number of supporting signatures for the nomination paper or authorization for political financing has been reduced to 50**. Under sections 160, 397 and 400.1 of the *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* (CQLR, c. E-2.2), this number normally varies between 5 and 200.

Context

Élections Québec and the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l’Habitation have collaborated with the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux to develop a [Health protocol to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during any municipal election](#), which was made public on August 21, 2020. This protocol includes a set of measures affecting both election preparations (up to and including the conduct of polling) and the rules governing political financing. It is available on the Élections Québec website, in the section titled “Elections in the time of COVID-19”.

In particular, this protocol includes measures related to in-person solicitation and collection of signatures in support of the nomination paper and the authorization for political financing and contributions. A checklist of applicable health instructions is provided. The list specifies that signatures and contributions are collected by appointment and the name and contact information of every person met with (regardless of whether he or she decides to sign or make a contribution) are recorded in a register. The purpose of this measure is to facilitate public health authorities investigations into COVID-19 outbreaks. Regarding political financing, a [summary table](#), available on the Élections Québec extranet and website, outlines the application of these guidelines.

Submitting of register

Once completed, this register is submitted, as appropriate:

- to the returning officer (or his/her assistant), when filing the nomination paper;
- to the returning officer, when submitting an application for authorization of an elector who undertakes to run as an independent candidate;
- to the Chief Electoral Officer, when submitting the application for authorization of a political party;
- to the municipal treasurer, when submitting the contribution receipts.

¹. Measures 1.7, 2.6 and 2.7 of the health protocol.

Given name and surname	Contact details (e.g. address, e-mail, telephone)	Date of meeting
_____ _____	_____ _____	_____
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→ As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, this register may be changed as circumstances require and to align it with measures adopted by the government or by public health authorities. Where applicable, any significant changes will be announced on the Élections Québec website.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination, please contact the returning officer of your municipality.

If you have any questions regarding authorization, please contact the RAPEQ team by e-mail at repaq@electionsquebec.qc.ca, or by telephone at 418-528-0422 or 1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846, toll-free).

If you have any questions regarding the solicitation of political contributions, you can contact a political financing coordinator by e-mail at financement-municipal@electionsquebec.qc.ca, or by telephone at 418-528-0422 or 1-888-ELECTION (1-888-353-2846, toll-free).