

Health protocol to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during the school election of September 26, 2021, with respect to authorization, financing and expenses



List of health guidelines for in-person solicitation and collection of supporting signatures or contributions¹

Context

Élections Québec established, in collaboration with the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, a health protocol to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 during the September 26, 2021, school election. This protocol is posted on the Élections Québec website, in the [“Elections in the time of COVID-19”](#) section.

In particular, the protocol includes measures related to the solicitation of signatures in support of the application for authorization of an elector who undertakes to run as a candidate and for soliciting contributions. In order to limit in-person interactions with electors, Élections Québec recommends that supporting signatures and contributions be solicited and collected remotely. A [summary table](#) available on the Élections Québec website, outlines the application of these guidelines.

Where the solicitation and collection is made in person, the health guidelines listed herein are applicable.

Submitting the list

This completed list is submitted to the returning officer, along with the application for authorization of the elector who undertakes to run as a candidate or yet, to the director general of the English-language school board, at the time contribution receipts are submitted.

1. This list is applicable to obtain supporting signatures for the authorization of an elector who undertakes to run as a candidate and for soliciting contributions. See measure 4 of the protocol with respect to authorization, financing and expenses.

Health guidelines

Person soliciting supporting signatures or contributions	
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First and last name	
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Name of (future) candidate	English-language school board

The following health guidelines apply to the in-person solicitation or collection of supporting signatures or contributions:

- ☐ Before meeting any signatories or contributors, the canvasser has confirmed that none of the following circumstances apply:
 - He or she has been in quarantine or isolation due to travel abroad;
 - He or she has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is still considered a carrier of the disease;
 - He or she is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
 - He or she has been in contact with a suspected, probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days;
 - He or she is waiting for a COVID-19 test result;
- ☐ The canvasser has acknowledged the heightened risk of contracting a more severe form of the disease among people aged 70 and over, as well as among those affected by a chronic disease or a weakened immune system;
- ☐ The rules governing physical distancing in force were respected at all times between the canvasser and the signatory or contributor and direct contacts (e.g., handshakes) have been avoided when greeting a person;
- ☐ The canvasser wore a face covering, in accordance with the health guidelines in force.

As of August 1, 2021, the following health guidelines are in effect:

- ☐ The meeting with the signatory or the contributor took place either:
 - on the exterior grounds of a private residence, while complying with the rules in effect regarding the maximum number of persons permitted;
 - in a predetermined location that allows for limiting gatherings to the number of persons currently permitted (e.g., outdoors, preferably by appointment);
- ☐ Disinfectant was provided to allow the contributor or signatory to disinfect his or her hands both before and after handling any forms.
- ☐ The signatory or contributor was encouraged to wear a face covering, in accordance with the health guidelines in force.
- ☐ The signatory or the contributor was encouraged to use his or her own pen.
- ☐ Applicable hand hygiene rules were respected when handling any forms completed by a signatory or a contributor.

Person designated to solicit or collect contributions

The elector who undertakes to run as a candidate or the candidate must remind the person he or she designated to solicit or collect contributions of the following:

- The approved [health protocol](#) recommends that contributions be solicited and collected remotely. This protocol is available on the Élections Québec website, in the “Elections in the time of COVID-19” section.
- In cases where contributions are solicited or collected in person, health guidelines apply. An elector who undertakes to run as a candidate or the candidate must provide a copy of the *List of health guidelines for the in-person solicitation and collection of supporting signatures or contributions* to each designated person.

Remember that contributions can only be made to the candidate or the person designated by the candidate for that purpose using a canvasser’s certificate.

→ As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, this list 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 with regards to the authorization, please contact the RAPEQ team by email at repaq@electionsquebec.qc.ca, or by telephone at 418-528-0422 or 1-888-ÉLECTION (1-888-353-2846).

If you have any questions regarding soliciting contributions or financing rules, please contact a political financing coordinator by email at financement-scolaire@electionsquebec.qc.ca, or by telephone at 418-528-0422 or toll free at 1-888-ÉLECTION (1-888-353-2846).