

OBSERVERS

- Boards of elections must direct observers to practice social distancing and wear facial coverings.
- An observer who refuses to wear a mask or covering is considered to be obstructing voting, and must be positioned such that they are at least six feet from everyone else at all times.
- For observation of the unofficial and official canvass, boards should consider offering a live stream which can be viewed by the general public. If this option is not chosen, the board should offer remote access to recognized observers via livestream, video conference, or similar technology in lieu of observers being physically present. Boards must also consider observers in their plans for social distancing and sanitizing protocols, should observers insist on attending in person. Observers should have their own personal protective equipment or facial coverings and wear it while present at the office of a board of elections. Boards may provide such equipment to an observer who is unable to secure it.