NASED SUMMER CONFERENCE

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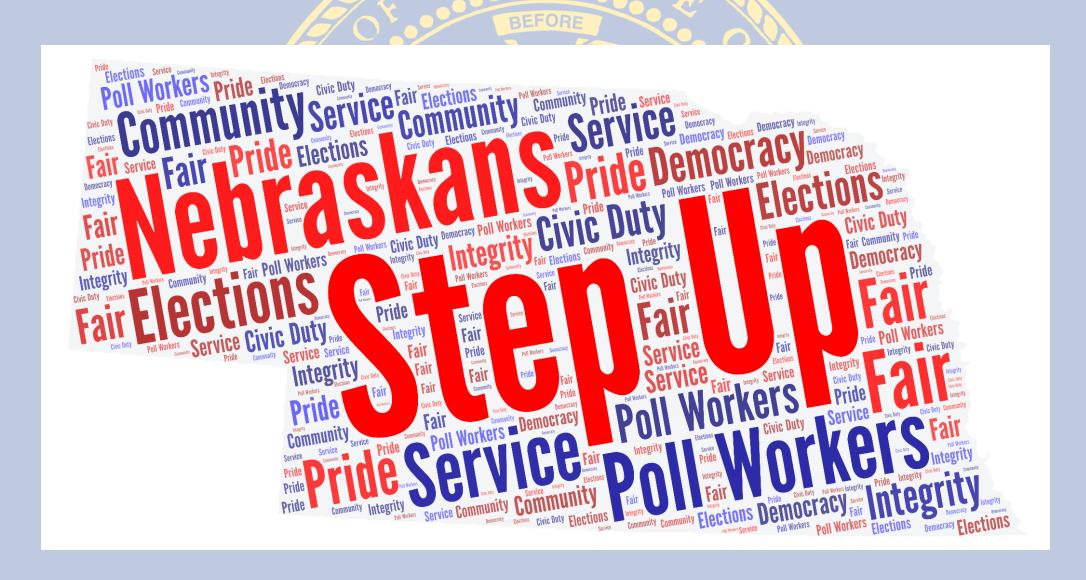
Nebraska's Primary was held May 12th 2020 on the Statutorily Required Date

- 493k Voted Breaking the Record of 413K Ballots Cast in 1972
- 415k Voted Early by Mail
- 77k Voted at their Polling Site on Election Day
- All 1225 Precincts Opened on Time and with the Appropriate Amount of Poll Workers



- Sent an Early Ballot Application to Every Voter
- Purchased a Secure Ballot Drop Box for Every County that did not have one.
- Closed Election Offices for In Person Early Voting to Help Control the Spread of the Virus
- Radio, Print and Social Media Campaign to Encourage Early Voting & the Recruitment of Poll Workers
- Procured PPE for County Election Offices and Polling Sites

Recruitment & Protection of Poll Workers

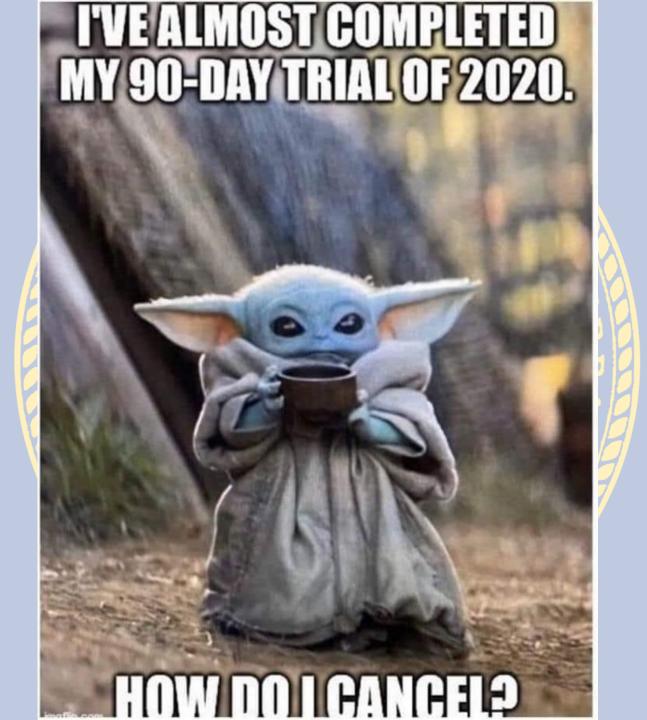


Precinct Hygiene Kits









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Election workers; wages; waiver agreeing not to be paid; certain contracts authorized.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the judges and clerks of election, precinct and district inspectors, and other temporary election workers shall receive wages at no less than the minimum rate set in section 48-1203 for each hour of service rendered. The election commissioner shall determine the rate of pay and may vary the rate based on the duties of each position. Each such election worker shall sign an affidavit stating the number of hours he or she has worked.
- (2) Any judge or clerk of election, precinct or district inspector, or other temporary election worker may choose not to be paid for the hours he or she works. An election worker that chooses not to be paid shall sign a waiver agreeing not to be paid for each election for which he or she chooses not to be paid.
- (3) Any judge or clerk of election, precinct or district inspector, or other temporary election worker may choose to have his or her election pay used by the election commissioner to contract with an organization authorized by the election commissioner to recruit election workers if the election commissioner contracts with such an organization. To be eligible to enter into such a contract, the organization shall be exempt for federal tax purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in section 49-801.01.

Nebraska Bar Association

 Lawyers who volunteered to be poll workers received a free 1.5 hours CLE course on Election Law

Full Credit to Amanda Grandjean Ohio's Elections Director for

the idea on a weekly NASED Call



Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants

- Members who volunteered as poll workers received 1.5 hours of Education Credit towards their license.
- No additional steps other that serving.
- Press Release went out encouraging people to sign up as poll workers

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More REALTORS® working at voter polls today, Nebraska's Primary Election. THANK YOU, Rick Grubaugh, @KatyAllsman & no pic Neil Carnes & Char Worley in Columbus; & Robert Fitzgerald (no photos allowed) in Buffalo Co. #ThatsWhoWeR #RealtorParty #vote2020 #nebraska #Realtor #COVID19





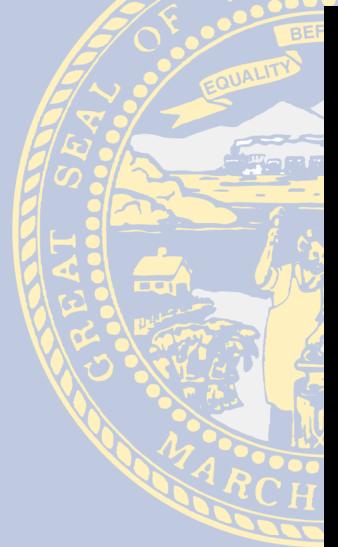
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Today, is Nebraska's Primary Election. Committed to being safe and serving in our communities, many REALTORS® are working polls. THANK YOU, @KWiedel @Im03422 Darlene Starman & Kyle Holt-Stanard @woodsbros #ThatsWhoWeR #RealtorParty #vote2020 #nebraska #Realtor #realtors #covid19





Print and Radio Ads



Be a Proud Poll Worker

Nebraska Primary 2020 Election

Who can apply? If you are 16 years old or older. If you are 18 years or older you must be a registered voter in the county.

Poll Workers are paid. Service organizations are able to contract with a county election office. Non-prof-

it organizations are paid directly for their volunteer's time, and can use the funds as they wish for their charitable projects. Virtual training will be available online or by television.

Every polling site will receive kits to protect poll workers. Social distancing standards will apply.

To Apply Contact your County Clerk or Election Commissioner

https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information

Mailing

Mailed to Eligible Voters
18-50 in Counties that
Requested More Help

Effective Tool in Areas not best served by T.V., Radio or Print Ads

Become a Poll Worker Today!

Serve Your Community:

- Ensure safe, accurate, and efficient voting
- Conduct elections with the utmost integrity
- Allow all Nebraska voters to cast their ballots privately and independently
- Protect and promote public trust and confidence in the democratic process

Responsibilities:

- Set up the polling site
- Check-in voters
- Issue ballots
- Close the polling site

Qualifications:

- ᄎ 16 years and older
- 🟃 Can read and write English
- Registered voter in the county (Except 16 and 17 year olds)
- Cannot be a candidate

Return completed application to:

<County> County Election Office <Mailing Address> <City>, NE <Zip Code>

Email: <Email Address>

Phone: <Phone>

Safety Measures:

- N95 masks
- ★ Gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes

Pay

- Starting at \$9/hour
- Employers must allow time off to serve as a poll worker
- Employers cannot threaten loss of personal or holiday pay, sick leave, overtime pay, or any other form of penalty
- * Does not affect unemployment benefits

Hours:

★ 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. (CT), 6 a.m.- 7 p.m. (MT)

How do I sign up?

- Call your county election office
- Or fill out the application below
- Take a picture of your application and email it to your county election official
- Or drop your application into the county drop box
- Or mail it to your county election official.

Yes, I am interested in joining the Election Worker Team!

Name:	
Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
For additional information, the Election Office may reach me at:	
Phone:	Email:
Questions?	



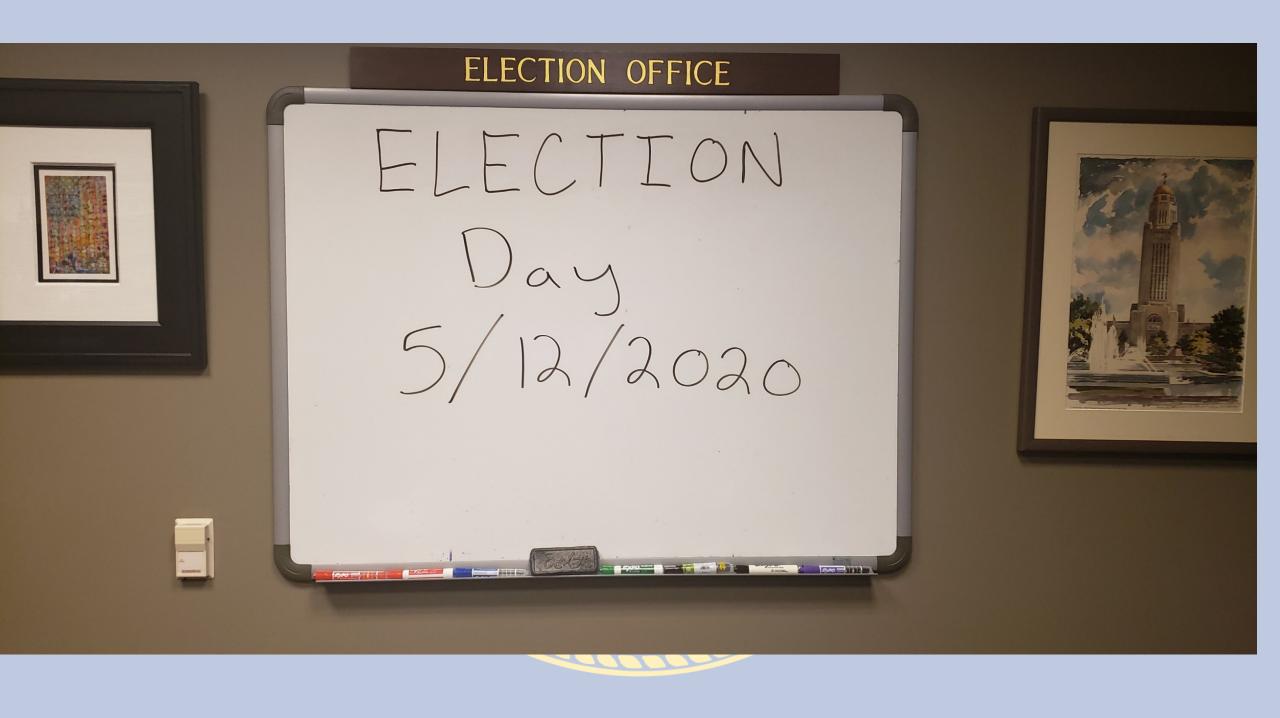
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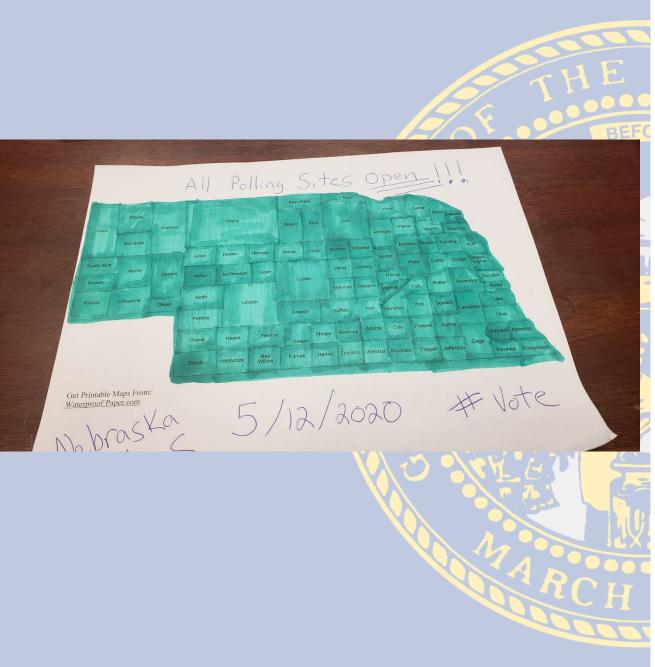


Project DSOS

- 130 National Guard Members who volunteered to serve
- Stationed in 8 different Counties as backups
- Could reach any polling site within an hour if needed
- Provided PPE to each National Guard Member.

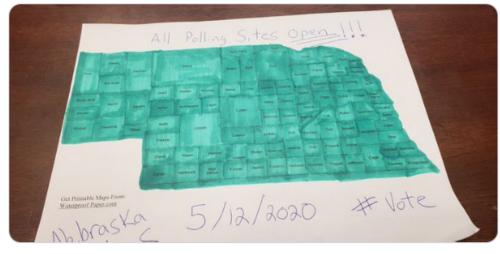








Confirmed All 1225 Precincts Statewide opened on time and are staffed. #vote



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It looks like both elections passed without major incident—and Nebraska's was even a notable success.

More, via @FiveThirtyEight:



How The Elections In Nebraska And Wisconsin Managed Amid The Pandemic fivethirtyeight.com

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For a Pair of Nebraska Flag Socks

The 2020 Nebraska Primary Broke the Record for Most Ballots Cast in a Primary

In What Year was the Previous Record Set?



Thank you and Have a Great Rest of The Conference

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