



## New Hampshire Council of Churches

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#### **Can I Still Vote In Person?**

Yes! The polls will be open as usual, but special protection measures are being put in place to protect the voters and poll workers. Wear your mask, bring hand sanitizer, and your own black pen. Lines may be longer and voting may be slower than usual.

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