

Cleaning Voting Equipment

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has issued this guidance on cleaning equipment: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6718>, #19 and #20 of the FAQ.

How often should we wipe down touchscreen interfaces on voting equipment and e-poll books?

The EAC has organized responses from major voting equipment manufacturers for recommendations on cleaning specific products that can be found at <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources> Voting equipment does not need to be cleaned after every voter but should be done once an hour throughout the day. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

What about other surfaces used by voters on election day, such as poll book tables, voter registration areas, pens, door handles, etc.?

These surfaces should also be wiped down once an hour throughout election day with disinfectant wipes. The WEC recommends that every voter use wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after finishing the voting process at the polling place.

The instructions below are from the ES&S (manufacturer of the ExpressVote) posting on the website of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

<https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

CLEANING PROCEDURES

These steps apply to all surfaces of all ES&S devices, including touch screens, ADA peripherals, input trays, ballot boxes and external surfaces of the equipment. Following these steps will clean and disinfect. These steps may be conducted while the device is running, but must only be applied to external surfaces.

Use one of the following options:

- Soft, lint-free cloth with isopropyl alcohol (70%)
- ES&S Touch Screen Cleaning Kit
- Alcohol wipes; especially, Super Sani-Cloth and Incides N

To clean and disinfect the external surfaces of the device:

- a. Lightly dampen (do not soak) a soft, lint-free cloth with isopropyl alcohol.
- b. Using gentle pressure and circular motions, wipe the surface until clean.