

PRESS RELEASE

REMINDER ON VOTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENIOR VOTERS

1 The Elections Department (ELD) would like to reiterate the voting arrangements for senior voters to ensure that voting is safe, in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation.

2 Voters can vote any time between 8am and 8pm on Polling Day. To prevent crowding at polling stations, ELD has increased the number of polling stations, and assigned recommended voting time-bands to all voters.

3 Voters aged 65 years and above have been assigned time-bands in the morning, to minimise their interaction with younger voters. Family members voting at the same polling station may accompany the senior voter to vote. However, only one accompanying family member will be accorded priority voting, along with the senior voter.

4 Senior voters can also vote at other times of the day, if they are unable to do so in the morning. Election officials will accord him/her priority and provide the necessary assistance. He/she can still be accompanied by family members who are voting at the same polling station.

5 If you are not a senior voter and are unable to vote during your time-band, you are advised to vote anytime from 12 noon to 8pm. However, we strongly encourage voters who are well to vote before 7pm. The Special Voting Hour from 7pm to 8pm primarily caters to voters who are serving Stay-Home Notice at home, or are unwell. Voters with a temperature of 37.5 degree Celsius and above will be turned away if they turn up between 8am to 7pm. They will be asked to return to vote during the Special Voting Hour from 7pm to 8pm.

6 **Safety measures** have been put in place at all polling stations to ensure the safety of voters. We would like to remind all voters to observe the safety precautions, and to cooperate with election officials. These include safe distancing markings in the polling station, and the provision of hand sanitiser and disposable gloves to voters before handling the ballot papers. The polling equipment (i.e. polling booth, self-inking 'X' pen) will also be sanitised regularly. Voters may also bring their own pens.

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