



Elections for Iraq's Council of Representatives

FACT SHEET #4 COVID-19

What COVID-19 mitigation measures will be put in place to safeguard the health of election workers and voters on election day?

The main measures will be social distancing, use of protective masks indoors and outdoors, hand sanitizer, and disinfection of electoral devices.

What action has the Independent High Election Commission (IHEC) taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

IHEC has set up a Committee on Implementation of Safety and Prevention Measures with the purpose of developing and implementing a COVID-19 prevention plan for the elections. The plan aims to minimize risks of contamination for both polling staff and voters and to hold a safe election during the pandemic. The Committee works closely with the Iraqi Ministry of Health and follows its recommendations and suggestions.

How is the UN supporting IHEC on COVID-19 prevention?

The United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) Office of Electoral Assistance (OEA) has two dedicated COVID-19 Advisers, who advise IHEC on the planning and setting up of measures to prevent major risks during election-related events and on the development of informational materials. OEA is assisting the IHEC Committee in establishing and implementing the necessary measures for a safe electoral process, based on World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations, as well as best practices from different countries that held elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.