

ELECTION COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED FROM CARES FUNDS

- Floor markings for 6-foot distances between voters.
- Sneeze guards for all voter check-in tables, Supervisor of the Checklist table(s) and other areas where appropriate.
- Masks for all election workers, preferably N95.
- Full fog free face shields for any election workers, at very least for those not behind sneeze guards. Those behind the sneeze guards could prefer a shield to a mask also.
- Paper face masks for voters who have none and are willing to wear one.
- Gloves for election officials – not latex.
- Disinfection Wipes/paper towels in sufficient quantity to continuously clean areas.
- Pens for machine towns/pencils for non-machine towns sufficient for one use only.
- Any preparation necessary by the SOS for the blind/vision impair to receive the same e-mail ballot as military or a different e-mail ballot, if necessary.
- Return postage envelopes, if return postage is deemed to be necessary*.
- Absentee ballot expenses for help above and beyond the numbers from previous years. This could be determined by the SOS by a formula for what extra time, therefore staff hours are needed for the volume that will be generated above “normal” time/volume.
- Mailing of absentee ballot applications with a simple explanatory cover letter to all registered voters in the state data base – (including prepaid postage?)
- Media publications up to and including newspapers, WMUR, other television and radio efforts as well as clear and precise training for all election officials.

*I think that this return postage being requested by most, if accepted by the SOS MUST be in such a format that it does not get charged to the state/community at the point of sending, if the ballot is able to be returned by other means. In other words, I believe that the state now has a system that they pay for military/overseas postage by prepaid postage being already marked on the envelope and only paid for if and when that envelope hits the post office. If the municipality was to run a regular election envelope through their postage machine for a return envelope, it would cost them at the point of running it through the machine which would mean that every ballot returned by means other than mail would cost the municipality for unused postage.