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Covid-secure voting

Ahead of the elections in May, residents are being urged to sign up to vote by post or proxy if they would prefer not to vote in person this time round.

On Thursday 6 May 2021 residents across Lichfield District will go to the polls to have their say on who is Staffordshire's next Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and who represents them at Staffordshire County Council.

The Burntwood Neighbourhood Planning referendum, a by-election for the district ward of Summerfield & All Saints, and a by-election for the city ward of Stowe, which were delayed due to Covid-19, will also take place.

Lichfield District Council is busy making plans to help people stay safe while casting their vote.

There are a number of ways to have your say in the May. Voters can cast their vote in a polling station, by post, or by appointing someone they trust to vote on their behalf, which is known as a proxy vote.

Diane Tilley, Electoral Registration Officer for Lichfield District, said: "This May's elections are very important. They're an opportunity to make your voice heard and have a say on who represents you on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in Lichfield District.

"We're putting arrangements in place to help you stay safe at the polling station. You can expect many of the measures you've become used to in shops and banks over the last year, such as hand sanitiser, floor markings and face coverings. But you also have the option to apply to vote by post or by proxy."

The deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on 20 April, and for a proxy vote the deadline is 5pm on 27 April. To find out how to apply for a postal or proxy vote, visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/elections or email elections@lichfielddc.gov.uk or call 01543 308125.

If you have not yet registered to vote at your current address, the deadline is midnight on Monday 19 April. It takes just five minutes to apply online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

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