

Colorado Secretary of State's Office unintentionally posted voting system passwords to the public-facing website. State officials were notified of the issue on Oct. 24 and subsequently notified federal authorities. County clerks were made aware of this issue on Oct. 29.

These system bios passwords allow access to the underlying basic input and output of software and firmware for a computer.

At this time, 31 counties' current bios passwords were on the public-facing website. Passwords are currently being updated for the 31 counties. **Logan County is NOT one of the 31 counties with current passwords listed. Logan County has recently upgraded the election system with new equipment that required a new bios password.**

The only way these system bios passwords can be used is by physical access to the equipment. Physical security is a priority for all election equipment. Here are the additional security measures that ensure physical access is limited:

- All voting equipment is stored in a room with strict access control with fob access that is documented and logged of whom enters the room.
- All employees/judges authorized to access the equipment have background checks conducted on them.
- Colorado requires all voting equipment to be under 24/7 camera surveillance.
- There are also strict chain of custody requirements that track when a voting systems component has been accessed and by whom.
- There are two unique passwords for every election equipment component, which are kept in separate places and held by different parties.
- In order to access voting equipment not only do you have to have a unique password created by the county but also must be in possession of a code that is changed each election by the county and a security fob that is kept by the county.

In addition to these equipment security protocols, every Colorado voter votes a paper ballot. This means there is a hard-copy record of how each voter filled out their ballot that is audited at the end of each election. Discrepancies between the hard copy ballot and electronic record would be caught during risk limiting audit that is required by Colorado law.

Logan County Clerk and Recorder's Office will continue to work diligently to protect the right of Logan County Citizens to cast their ballot and provide safe and secure elections following the laws of the State of Colorado.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.