



## How to Vote in the 2026 Primary Election

Primary election day is May 19, 2026, and it is important to learn about the voting options available to you. Take a look at the opportunities to vote absentee, early in person, and on primary election day.

### Can't Vote on Election Day? Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail.

**Request a mail-in absentee ballot by May 5, 11:59 p.m. local time.** [Click here](#) to request an absentee ballot. Voters are encouraged to request an absentee ballot before the deadline.

**All mail-in absentee ballots must be received by 6:00 p.m. local time on primary election day, May 19, 2026, to be counted.** Voters are highly encouraged not to wait until primary election day to hand-deliver their absentee ballot.

Drop boxes are available in each county to hand-deliver your ballot. To find out where the drop box is located in your county, [click here](#).

### Can't Vote on Election Day? You Can Still Vote in Person.

**In-person excused absentee voting** will take place on **May 6–8 and May 11–13, 2026.**

To find out where in-person, excused absentee voting will take place in your county, visit [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov).

### Want to Vote Early? No Excuse is Needed.

Kentucky now offers early voting for everyone, with no excuse required. **Early in-person, no excuse absentee voting** will take place **May 14–16, 2026.**

To find out where early voting will take place in your county, visit [govote.ky.gov](http://govote.ky.gov).

### Are You Voting on Election Day?

In-person voting on **primary election day, May 19, 2026**, will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., local time.

To find out where to vote in person on primary election day, [click here](#).