



Important Dates to Know for Voting in the 2026 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline

Register to vote online by **Monday, April 20, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. local time**. Don't know if you're registered? Visit govote.ky.gov to check your status.

Register to vote here: govote.ky.gov

Vote Absentee and Request a Ballot by Mail

Request a mail-in absentee ballot by May 5, 2026, 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, visit govote.ky.gov.

Vote In Person Before Election Day

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

To find out where in-person, excused absentee voting will take place in their county, voters should visit govote.ky.gov.

Early in-person, no excuse absentee voting will take place **May 14–16, 2026**.

To find out where early voting will take place in their county, voters should visit govote.ky.gov.

How and When to Vote 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](#).