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Voting Resources for Employees

Why Should You Vote?

The people you elect to represent you have a direct impact on your daily life. With that, voting is a key way to ensure **you have a voice** in making our state a better place to live and work. This year, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to elect some of the state's most important offices in Frankfort in addition to electing the U.S. Senate and U.S. Representatives. Below are some ways you can prepare yourself for the **primary elections coming on Tuesday, May 19, 2026**.

Make Sure You Are Registered

You can register to vote or check your voter registration status by visiting govote.ky.gov/. The **deadline to register** for the 2026 primary election is Monday, April 20, by 4:00 p.m. local time. Find frequently asked questions on voter registration [here](#).

Ways You Can Vote in Kentucky

EXCUSED, IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (May 6–8 and May 11–13)

Excused, In-Person Absentee Voting: qualified voters may make an application to cast an absentee ballot during normal business hours during the six (6) business days immediately preceding the Thursday of the no-excuse in-person absentee voting period. To view a list of defined, designated reasons to vote in this time period, visit elect.ky.gov.

IN-PERSON, NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING (Thursday, May 14 – Saturday, May 16)

In-person, no-excuse absentee voting to be conducted in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections.

Learn more about where to absentee vote [here](#).

IN-PERSON VOTING ON ELECTION DAY (Tuesday, May 19)

Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., local time. Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the clerk before 6:00 p.m., local time.

Where to Vote in Person

Whether you plan to vote early absentee or in person, make sure you have a plan on when you are going and where you are going. Find out where your polling location is [here](#).

Find Out Who is Running for Office

The 2026 primary election decides who will be your next U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator and Representative, and many local offices. There may be others running for election in your district. Take a look at the list of candidates running for office [here](#). [Click here](#) to see a sample ballot.

Learn More

To learn more about Kentucky's 2026 primary election at govote.ky.gov.