COVID-19 Guidance for 2020 Primary Voting
Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, issued a public health order to close polling locations in the state of Ohio on March 17, 2020, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This prevented people from voting in person for the Ohio primary.

A bill passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor Mike DeWine allows Ohioans to continue voting by mail. **To be counted, ballots must be postmarked by April 27, 2020.**

What you need to know:

- ✓ Counting of ballots will begin after 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020, but **there will be no in-person 2020 primary voting at polling places on April 28 or at any other time.** People with disabilities who require in-person voting and people who do not have home mailing addresses can vote in-person on April 28 at their local boards of election.

- ✓ If you submitted an early-voting ballot before primary day, it will be counted. You do not have to vote again, and submitting another ballot is prohibited.

- ✓ If you have not voted, you can request a mail-in ballot online or by mail. If requested, a ballot will be sent to you with an envelope in which to return it. You also can have a ballot-request form mailed to you by calling your county board of elections. For a directory of boards of elections, visit [https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/county-boards-of-elections-directory/](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/county-boards-of-elections-directory/).

- ✓ You must have been registered by February 18, 2020, to be eligible to cast a ballot.

- ✓ For additional information, visit the Secretary of State website at [https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters](https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters). You can also call the Secretary of State’s office at 877-767-6446 or email questions to info@ohiosos.gov.

For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).
For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.

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Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

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- Stay home
- Practice social distancing
- Get adequate sleep and eat a well-balanced meal
- Wash hands often with water and soap (20 seconds or longer)
- Dry hands with a clean towel or air dry
- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands or after touching surfaces
- Clean and disinfect “high-touch” surfaces often
- Call before visiting your doctor
- Practice good hygiene habits

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