# 2019 Ohio Election Dates

**Primary Election**
- April 8 - Voter registration deadline
- April 9 - Absentee and in-person voting begins
- May 4 - Absentee ballot request deadline, Noon
- May 6 - Postmark deadline for absentee ballots
- May 7 - Election Day! Polls open 6:30am - 7:30pm; drop off absentee ballots at your County Board of Elections by 7:30pm

### 2019 Primary Election Early Voting Hours

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### Voter Resources:
- [Ohio election text reminders](http://www.Vote411.org) – Sign up for text message reminders from the League of Women Voters of Ohio by texting “vote-note” to 31996.
- [www.MyOhioVote.com](http://www.MyOhioVote.com) – The Ohio Secretary of State website where you can check your voter registration, register to vote, print an absentee ballot request form, and look up your local Board of Elections.
- [Election Protection](http://www.MyOhioVote.com) – This nonpartisan coalition provides a toll-free hotline for voting information or to report problems:
  - 1-866-OUR-VOTE (English), 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota (Spanish),
  - 1-888-API-VOTE (Asian & Pacific Island languages).

*Visit the League of Women Voters of Ohio at [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)*

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Step 1: Register to vote by the deadline
- The deadline to register to vote in the May 7 primary election is April 8.
- To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older by the general election, not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction (people with prior convictions may register to vote), and not been declared incompetent to vote or denied the right to vote by a court.
- Register to vote or check your registration online at www.MyOhioVote.com or by calling your county Board of Elections.
- If you’ve moved, changed your name, or not voted in a few years, check your registration – you may need to update it.

Step 2: Decide how you want to cast your ballot
- **Vote by mail** – Fill out and send in an absentee ballot request form. The Secretary of State will **not** automatically send an application to every voter for the primary election, so request one by contacting your county Board of Elections or through www.MyOhioVote.com
- **Vote early in person** – Registered voters may vote early at their county Board of Elections. Early voting begins on April 9 for the May 2019 election.
- **Vote at your polling place on Election Day** – Election Day is Tuesday, May 7 for the primary election. Polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm. By law, if you are in line at 7:30, the polls must stay open to allow you to vote. Note that polling locations and precincts may have changed, so it’s a good idea to confirm your location before you go vote by looking it up online at www.MyOhioVote.com.
- **Note:** At a primary election, you are asked which kind of ballot you want: Republican, Democratic, or Issues Only. Sometimes there are also third party ballots available. You may choose any ballot.

Step 3: Make sure you have an acceptable form of ID
- Ohio driver’s license or state ID card with your name and photo. The card must be current (not expired), but it can have an old address.
- U.S. Military ID with your name and photo (address not required).
- Unexpired government ID with your name, current address, and photo. Student ID is not not accepted.
- Original or copy of one of the following documents with your name and current address: utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank or financial advisor statement, pay stub, government check, or other government document. Must be dated within the last year.
- If you do not have any of the above, you may use the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, but you will have to vote a provisional ballot. It will be counted so long as the number matches your voter registration. Be sure to complete all fields on the form.