

Hennepin County Elections

Newsletter Toolkit

 Presidential Nomination Primary

2024



This document contains newsletter content highlighting Hennepin County election information. Feel free to share this information with your communities in city newsletters. The content is organized by topic. See election timeline below to ensure timely distribution of messages.

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Election Timeline

* January 19: Absentee voting opens for the presidential nomination primary
* February 13: Last day to pre-register to vote in presidential nomination primary
* March 4: Last day to vote absentee
* March 5: Presidential nomination primary Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

# Voting absentee

## Absentee voting begins January 19

Absentee voting begins January 19, leading up to the presidential nomination primary on March 5. Make sure you’re prepared!

## Vote by mail: How to apply for a ballot

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail. Apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you at [mnvotes.gov/absentee](http://mnvotes.gov/absentee)

Vote in-person

Vote early in-person at your [local elections office](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/overview/overview-of-hennepin-county/#hennepin-cities) (check with your city clerk for location and hours)

* [Minneapolis Early Vote Center](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/) (Minneapolis residents only)
* [Government Center](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting) (300 – 6th Street South Minneapolis, MN 55487)

# Early voting

## Early voting begins today for the March 5 Election

Election Day is March 5, but you don't have to wait to cast your ballot – early voting begins today, January 19.

What to do before you vote

1. Register to vote at [mnvotes.gov/register](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/).
	1. Already registered? Confirm your registration is correct and up to date.
	2. You will need to update your registration if you’ve moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.
2. Find out which candidates and questions you'll be voting on by [viewing your sample ballot](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/).
3. Choose how you want to vote.
	1. Vote absentee from the comfort of your home. You can do so by filling out an absentee ballot [application](https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest/index)
	2. Vote early in-person at:
		1. [Your local elections office](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/overview/overview-of-hennepin-county/#hennepin-cities) (check with your city clerk for location and hours)
		2. [Minneapolis Early Voting Center](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/) (Minneapolis residents)

Questions?

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7. If you'd rather vote early in-person, [visit your local election office](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/overview/overview-of-hennepin-county/#hennepin-cities) the [Minneapolis Early Voting Center](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/) 980 E Hennepin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55414 (Minneapolis residents only), or [Government Center](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting) (300 – 6th Street South Minneapolis, MN 55487)

Questions?

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## It’s not too late to vote by mail in the presidential nomination primary

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Request an absentee ballot at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/). Your completed ballot must be received by Election Day, March 5.

Find out what's on your ballot ahead of time at [mnvotes.gov](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/).

# Election Day reminders

## Presidential nomination primary Election Day is March 5: Dates and reminders

Voting early

* In-person – early voting ends March 4 at 5 p.m. [Find out where you can vote early in-person](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/).
* By mail – [absentee ballots](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-voting) must arrive by 8 p.m. on Election Day, March 5 to be counted. Return your ballot to your city elections office or to the Hennepin County Government Center.

Voting on Election Day

Before you head to the polls

* [See what’s on your ballot at mnvotes.gov](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/).
* [Find your polling place](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/), as it may have changed from the last time you voted.

Registering on Election Day

To register at your polling place, you’ll need to bring proof of residence:

* ID with your current name and address; or
* Photo ID AND a document, like a utility bill, due or dated within 30 days of the election with your current residence; or
* Registered voter from the same precinct who can confirm your address.

[Find all acceptable proof of residence options at mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/).