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Absentee Ballot Applications Now Available

(Columbus) Ohio's 2016 primary election is more than two months away, but it is not too early to apply for an absentee ballot. Applications are available on our <u>Web</u> site or by calling the board of elections at (614) 525-3100.

Absentee voting by mail or in-person will begin Wednesday, Feb. 17. Voters will have 198 hours and 22 days-including three on weekends- to vote early. In-person early voting will take place in Franklin County at the board of elections, located at 1700 Morse Road, at the following times:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Mar. 4
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 5
- 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, Mar. 7 through Friday, Mar. 11
- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 12
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 13
- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday, Mar. 14

Please note that early voting will begin on a Wednesday due to government offices being closed on the prior Monday for Presidents' Day.

Voters will need to request a ballot to vote absentee in the primary unlike in the fall when the Secretary of State will mail absentee applications to all registered voters. Voters must be registered by Feb. 15 to be eligible for the primary.

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