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Early Voting Hours Expanded Today
Deadline to Request an Absentee Mail Ballot is Tomorrow

Columbus, OH – Expanded early in-person voting hours begin today at the Franklin County Board of Elections, giving voters additional morning, evening and weekend opportunities to cast their ballot before the November 3, 2026 General Election. Voters who want an absentee ballot mailed to them must submit their application by 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27.

Through Saturday, October 24, 54,708 Franklin County voters have cast their ballots at the early vote center. 25,539 Franklin County voters cast their ballots during the same early vote period for the 2022 General Election. The Board also received 81,450 requests for absentee ballots by mail, with 50,399 completed mail ballots returned through the same date.

"Early Voting is a great option for Franklin County voters. The expanded hours give voters more time to plan around their work and family schedule," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Antone White.

Early in-person voting takes place at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road during the following hours:

- Monday, October 26: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (last day to request absentee ballot by mail)
- Wednesday, October 28: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 30: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31: 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Absentee ballot applications are available at vote.franklincountyohio.gov. Completed applications must be received by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27. A postmark does not meet the application deadline. Voters can return their completed absentee ballot using the Board's drive-thru ballot drop-off tent located at 1700 Morse Road, allowing them to drop off their ballot to bipartisan election officials without leaving their vehicle. The drive-thru tent is open during early in-person voting hours.

All regular absentee ballots, whether returned by mail or in person, must be received by the Board of Elections no later than 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. A ballot postmarked by Election Day but received after the deadline cannot be counted.

"If you plan to vote by mail, tomorrow is the deadline to request your ballot. Complete it and return promptly so it reaches our office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Antone White.

For voting information, sample ballots, polling locations, and ballot tracking visit vote.franklincountuyohio.gov or call 614-525-3100.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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