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Today is the Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot by Mail

(Columbus) The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the 2026 May Primary/Special is today, but you can still vote early at the Early Vote Center at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus. Once Early Voting ends on Sunday, your only option is to vote on Election Day at your assigned voting location.

Early In-Person hours remaining for this election cycle:

- Tuesday, April 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. **-Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots**
- Wednesday, April 29th through Friday, May 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Reminder - Recent election law changes under SB 293 now require voters to return their absentee mail ballots no later than 7:30 pm on Election Day. There is no more 4-day grace period to receive ballots after Election Day. The Board of Elections strongly encourages voters to mail back their completed ballot as soon as possible so that we receive it before 7:30 p.m. on May 5th.

Voters who want to hand deliver their voted absentee ballot can return it to the board's secured ballot drop box located at 1700 Morse Road. During hours the Board is open voters can use its convenient drive-thru to quickly drop off their voted ballot without having to get out of their car. This drive-thru is staffed with bi-partisan board of elections staff. If you are assisting another voter with the return of a ballot, you must see a board of elections official who can provide you with the necessary attestation form.

Election Day is **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

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