Coronavirus Disease 2019

Ohio | Department of Health

COVID-19 Guidance for 2020 Primary Voting

Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, issued a public health order to close polling locations in the state of Ohio on March 17, 2020, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This prevented people from voting in person for the Ohio primary.

A bill passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor Mike DeWine allows Ohioans to continue voting by mail. **To be counted, ballots must be postmarked by April 27, 2020.**

What you need to know:

☑ Counting of ballots will begin after 7:30 p.m. on April 28, 2020, but **there will be no in-person 2020 primary voting at polling places on April 28 or at any other time.** People with disabilities who require in-person voting and people who do not have home mailing addresses can vote in-person on April 28 at their local boards of election.

☑ If you submitted an early-voting ballot before primary day, it will be counted. You do not have to vote again, and submitting another ballot is prohibited.

☑ If you have not voted, you can request a mail-in ballot online or by mail. If requested, a ballot will be sent to you with an envelope in which to return it. You also can have a ballot-request form mailed to you by calling your county board of elections. For a directory of boards of elections, visit https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/county-boards-of-elections-directory/.

☑ You must have been registered by February 18, 2020, to be eligible to cast a ballot.

☑ For additional information, visit the Secretary of State website at https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters. You can also call the Secretary of State's office at 877-767-6446 or email questions to info@ohiosos.gov.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.
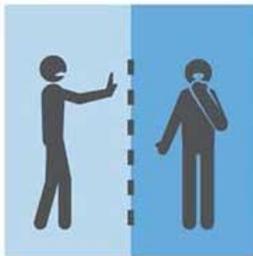
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PREVENTION

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

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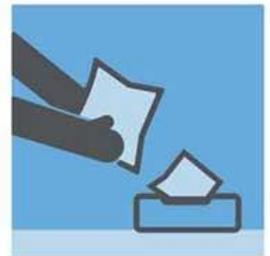
STAY HOME

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)

DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES

CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN

CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

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