

Dear Pennsylvania Voter,

The primary election is Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Do you have a plan to vote?

Reminder: Voting in a primary election is limited to **only those voters registered as Democratic or Republican**. However, all registered voters can participate if the ballot also includes any of the following:

- a constitutional amendment question,
- a ballot question, or
- a special election in their district.

Contact your county board of elections for ballot information: vote.pa.gov/County.

To verify your voter registration status, go to vote.pa.gov/Status.

Voting in person If you plan to vote in person on Election Day, [verify your assigned polling place](#). **Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.** on Election Day. If you are in line by 8 p.m., stay there: You will be able to vote.

If you are a first-time voter or are voting at a new polling place for the first time, [here are tips](#) to prepare.

Voting by mail ballot If you plan to vote by mail ballot, [request your ballot now](#) to be sure you have time to receive and return it. **The deadline to apply is May 12.**

You can also apply in person at your [county board of elections office](#), complete the ballot while you are there, and return it all in one visit. Be sure to contact your [county board of elections office](#) first to verify their hours.

There are four steps for completing and returning your mail ballot:

1. Read the instructions and mark your ballot with a blue or black pen. There may be races on the back of your ballot, **so be sure to check both sides.**
2. Place your ballot in the yellow envelope marked “official election ballot.” **The ballot must be placed in this envelope** for it to be counted.
3. Place the yellow envelope in the larger return envelope. **You must sign and date the larger envelope before you return it to your county board of elections.**
4. Return your completed ballot to your [county elections office](#) – either by mail, in person, or in an officially designated drop box – **by 8 p.m. May 19**. Mail ballots received after that time will not be counted. See if your county offers [drop boxes or a satellite drop-off location](#).

Remember: You are the only person permitted to return your ballot unless you have a disability and [designate someone](#) in writing to return your ballot for you.

For more information about voting and elections in PA, visit vote.pa.gov.

Thank you for being an informed and prepared voter.

Sincerely, **Al Schmidt**

Secretary of the Commonwealth