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The polls were closed, so now what?

On Wednesday, March 26, 2020, the Ohio Legislature passed the following measures in response to the closing of polling locations.

1. **Election Day** is now Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Unofficial results will be posted after 7:30PM that evening.
2. **Absentee voting by mail** will continue. Applications must be received by the Board of Elections on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at noon.
3. **Notice to all voters** will be sent by the Ohio Secretary of State to all eligible voters for the 2020 Primary Election – regardless of whether they have already voted in the 2020 Primary Election. This notice will advise them how to request an absentee ballot from their board of elections.
4. **Provisional voting** will be conducted through the mail in certain circumstances.
5. **In-person voting** is limited to Tuesday, April 28, 2020, and makes it available only for individuals with a qualifying disability or who cannot receive mail.
6. **Any ballot being returned by mail** must be postmarked on Monday, April 27, 2020, or sooner. Ballots may also be returned to the Board of Elections (or its secured drop box outside) until 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

How to vote absentee by mail

1. Download an [application](#) and mail the completed application to:
Butler County Board of Elections
1802 Princeton Rd. Ste. 600
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
2. Please make sure your application indicates which party's primary ballot you want or whether you want an issues only ballot. The available ballot options are Democratic, Issues Only or Republican.
3. Receive your ballot in the mail and vote by following the included [instructions](#).
4. Use the provided return envelope to send your ballot back to the Board of Elections.

You can track your ballot on our [website](#).

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What if I do not have a printer?

Voters who do not have a printer can call [513-887-3700](tel:513-887-3700) to have an application mailed to them. Voters who are visiting [Kroger stores in Butler County](#) for essential supplies can visit the customer service desk to pick up an application. Or voters may simply write the following information on a blank sheet of paper and mail it to their board of elections;

- full name
- date of birth
- full registration address including county
- address where ballot should be mailed if different from your registration address
- one of the these: Ohio driver's license number, last four of your Social Security number or include a copy of an acceptable form of ID
- state "I am a qualified elector"
- state that "I'm requesting an absentee ballot for the March 17th Ohio Primary"
- indicate if you want a Democratic, Republican, or Issues Only ballot (choose only one)
- sign it
- today's date
- phone number (optional but suggested)
- email address (optional but suggested)

Frequently asked questions

For more frequently asked questions visit the Ohio Secretary of State's FAQ [website](#).

What if I already voted early?

If you already voted early in-person or through the mail, your ballot is still valid and will be counted on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?

The deadline is Saturday, April 25, 2020 at noon.

What election date do I use?

Use the date of March 17, 2020. If you used another date your application will still be accepted.

Can I put more than one application in an envelope?

Yes.

Can I submit my ballot application by email?

Unfortunately ballot applications cannot be accepted electronically except for voters who are overseas or part of the United States Military.

Do party (Democratic or Republican) ballots have issues?

Yes, if you choose to vote a Democratic or Republican ballot it will contain the candidates for each district you live in as well as the issues for those districts.



When does my ballot need to be postmarked?

Your ballot must be post marked by the day before the election, Monday, April 27, 2020.

How much postage should I use to return my ballot?

For the 2020 primary, the Board of Elections is providing envelopes with prepaid postage for the return of your ballot so you do not need to affix any additional postage on the prepaid envelope. Since we are using metered mail, only \$0.50 postage is required on the envelope, instead of the normal \$0.55.

Can I return my ballot to the Board of Elections instead of using the post office?

Yes, there is a secure drop box outside of our office that can be accessed by the public 24 hours a day.

When will the results of the election be announced?

Tabulation of the votes will take place after 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Can coronavirus be spread over the handling of paper?

The experts at the Ohio Department of Health have said that COVID-19 doesn't spread by penetrating the skin on your hands, but only leads to infection when it is transferred from your hand to places like your mouth, nose, or eyes. Given that, the best measure you can take to prevent the spread of germs is washing your hands after handling mail and even cash.

Board hours and contact information

As of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, **the Board of Elections will be closed to the public** to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease except to those who have made a prior appointment. Anyone who needs to contact the Board of Elections can do so by calling [513-887-3700](tel:513-887-3700) between 8:30AM and 4:30PM Monday through Friday or by visiting our website or social media listed in the next section. Absentee ballot applications and registration cards will be available on a table outside the lobby. Voters can deposit any applications, ballots or documents in the outside drop box 24 hours a day.

How to get accurate election updates

Please call our office at [513-887-3700](tel:513-887-3700) with any questions you have or visit our website and social media pages.

Butler County website	elections.bcoho.us
Email	Butler@OhioSOS.gov
Facebook	facebook.com/butlercountyboardofelections
Twitter	twitter.com/ButlerBOE
Instagram	instagram.com/butlerboe
Ohio Secretary of State website	www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/



Relevant information

[Joint Statement from Governor DeWine and Secretary LaRose on Ohio Primary](#)

[Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus website](#)

[Ohio Department of Health Order to Close Polling Locations](#)

[Ohio Department of Health Stay Home Order](#)

[Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2020-06 \(Rescinded\)](#)

[Ohio Secretary of State Directive 2020-07](#)

[Ohio Secretary of State Corona Facts website](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus website](#)

[Butler County General Health District website](#)