



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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On March 25, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly passed H.B. 197, a sweeping piece of legislation aimed at dealing with the state's response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Among other items, the bill sets April 28, 2020 as the final day of Ohio's primary election. You may vote absentee by mail ending April 28, 2020. To vote absentee by mail, complete the [absentee ballot application](#) and submit it to the Columbiana County Board of Elections office via mail or drop off. Once they receive a valid absentee application, they will issue you your ballot with instructions on how to submit and cast your ballot.

I VOTED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON BEFORE MARCH 17, 2020, DO I NEED TO VOTE AGAIN?

No, all ballots already submitted by mail or in-person will count, so long as they were otherwise valid. If you voted prior to March 17th your ballot is secured behind double locks at your county board of elections and will be counted on April 28th. Please encourage friends and family who haven't already voted to request an absentee ballot from your local board of elections.

WILL THERE BE IN-PERSON VOTING ON APRIL 28, 2020?

Yes, but since most Ohioans are being advised to stay home right now, the new law only allows for limited in-person voting on April 28th. In-person voting will only occur on April 28 and only at boards of elections early vote centers, not at precinct polling locations. And in-person voting will only be available for individuals with disabilities who require in-person voting and those who do not have a home mailing address.

WHEN DOES MY BALLOT NEED TO BE POSTMARKED?

Unless you are a member of the U.S. military currently deployed overseas or an American living abroad, ballots must be postmarked by April 27, 2020 and received by the board of elections by May 8, 2020 to be counted in the primary election if the proper information was provided on the identification envelope.

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WHAT DATE DO I PUT ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION UNDER “DATE OF ELECTION?”

Please write March 17, 2020 (or 03/17/2020) as the election date has not changed, only extended for mail-in voting. However, anyone who writes another date will still have their absentee application processed if the remainder of the required information is included on the request.

I DON'T HAVE A PRINTER, CAN I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Yes. You can call your county board of elections and a request can be sent to you. [A directory of all boards can be found here: OhioSoS.gov/boards.](#)

Voters who can't print their own form may also 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 that “I'm requesting an absentee ballot for the March 17th Ohio Primary”
- indicate if you want a: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Issues only ballot (choose only one)
- sign it
- today's date
- phone number (optional, but suggested)
- email address (optional but suggested)

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