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Absentee Voting Begins Tuesday for Primary Election

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the May 6 primary election begins Tuesday, April 1 with the start of in-person early voting and voting by mail.

All Franklin County ballots will list candidates for federal, state and local offices, a statewide issue for capital improvements and a countywide levy for the Columbus Zoo. Local ballots will show levies for Canal Winchester and Groveport Madison Schools. Some townships will vote on spending for safety forces, plans for energy purchasing and the creation of joint economic development zones. Liquor options will appear on some ballots in Bexley, Columbus, Grandview and Westerville.

Voters can find the sample ballot for their precinct on our Web site when they enter their name, address and birth year under the My Registration link.

Voters must request an absentee ballot to receive one in this election.

In-person voting in Franklin County will be held at the board of elections, located at 280 East Broad Street, at the following times:

- Weekdays, April 1 through Friday, May 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for Monday, April 7, the deadline for register for the primary, when in- person voting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Voters have until May 3 to request a ballot by mail. Applications also are available on the Web, at public libraries or by calling the board of elections at (614) 525-3100.

Absentee ballots returned in-person must be received at the board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. **Voters may not return them to their regular Election Day polling location**. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by May 5 and arrive at the board of elections no later than May 16 to count in this election.

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