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Less Than Two Weeks Remain to Vote Absentee for Primary

(Columbus) Franklin County voters have another two weeks to cast absentee ballots by mail or to vote early in-person for the May 7 primary election.

The latest numbers show 3,619 requesting ballots including 93 who have voted early in person at the board since absentee voting began April 2. There are 640,182 voters eligible for the primary out of 815,872 registered countywide.

There are no countywide issues on the ballot in this election. Columbus, Hilliard and Reynoldsburg will hold primaries for city council. Thirteen special elections including school levies and tax questions-plus five liquor options- will appear on local ballots. Voters are encouraged to inspect their [Sample Ballot](#) online to find out if there will be an election in their precinct.

The board of elections is located at 280 East Broad Street, Columbus and will be open for in-person voting weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, May 3 and on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Voters must request an absentee ballot to receive one for the primary. Applications are available [online](#) or by calling the board of elections at (614) 525-3100. Ballots returned in person must arrive at the board by the close of polls on Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked before Election Day and arrive no later than ten days after the election.

Absentee ballots will not be accepted at local polling places on Election Day. Precincts with an election will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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