



Vote Early or Absentee in the 2024 Republican Presidential Primary

COLUMBIA, S.C. (February 8, 2024) – With the Republican Presidential Primary right around the corner, the State Election Commission is urging eligible voters who did not participate in the Democratic Presidential Primary to exercise their right to vote by taking advantage of early voting. There's no need to wait until Election Day, **February 24**, to cast your ballot. You can vote at any early voting center in your county.

Vote Early

1. The early voting period starts on **Monday, February 12**, and ends **Thursday, February 22**.
 1. *Closed Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19 (Presidents' Day).*
2. Early voting centers are open 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. during the early voting period.
3. Voters will be asked to present [Photo ID](#) when checking in to vote.
4. Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or contact your [county elections office](#) to find a list of early voting locations.

Vote Absentee

1. Qualified voters can vote absentee by mail. An example of a qualified voter could be a person with a physical disability or someone who is age 65 or older.
 1. To see a full list of qualifying reasons to vote absentee, visit the absentee voting page on [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
2. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13**.
3. To vote absentee by mail, get your application by contacting your county elections office.
4. After you receive and complete your ballot, be sure to sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed.
 1. Anyone age 18 or older can witness your signature. A notary is not necessary.
5. Return your ballot by mail or personal delivery as soon as possible.
 1. Ballots must be received by **7:00 p.m. on Election Day, February 24**.
 2. Ballots returned by mail should be mailed no later than one week prior to Election Day to help ensure timely delivery.

3. You must present Photo ID if returning an absentee ballot in person.
6. Find more information at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) about how an Immediate Family Member or Authorized Representative can assist you with requesting and returning your absentee ballot.

Make sure you Prep for the Polls

1. See who will be on your ballot by checking a copy of your sample ballot.
2. Find [FAQs](#) and our [Voter Go-To Guides](#) for the 2024 Presidential Primaries.
3. Find contact information for your county elections office.