

# VOTER GO-TO GUIDE

## 2026 STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTIONS JUNE 9

### Pick your Primary

- You can only vote in one primary.
- A poll worker will ask which party's primary you want to vote in before you get your ballot.

### Register by the Deadline

- You must register a month prior to the election in order to vote.
  - Deadline to register to vote in person is May 8 at 5 p.m.
  - Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email is May 10 at 11:59 p.m.
  - Mailed applications will be accepted if postmarked by May 11.
- Make sure your voter registration is current by checking your registration information at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
  - If you have moved from one county to another, you must register in your new county to be eligible to vote.
  - If you've moved within your county or changed your name recently, update your information before Election Day to help ensure a smoother voting experience.
- Educate yourself on the candidates and issues by checking your sample ballot at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
- **Make sure you have one of the following Photo IDs:** SC Driver's License, SC DMV ID Card, SC Voter Registration Card with Photo, Federal Military ID, or US Passport.
  - If you do not have one of the Photo IDs, make your voting experience fast and easy by getting a free one from the DMV or your county elections office.

### You're halfway there, now pick how you want to vote!

#### Vote Early

Any voter can vote early at any early voting center in their county during the early voting period. Go to an early voting center in your county, present your Photo ID, and vote using the voting system like you would at your polling place on Election Day.

- The early voting period for the Primaries starts on Tuesday, May 26 and ends Friday, June 5.
- Early voting centers are open 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. during the early voting period.
- Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to find early voting locations in your county.

#### Vote Absentee

- 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.
  - To vote absentee by mail, get your application by contacting your county elections office.
- To learn more about absentee voting go to [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or see our Absentee Voting Go-To Guide.

#### Vote on Election Day

- Vote at your polling place on Election Day. Polls are open on June 9 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Find your polling place address at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
- **Don't forget to bring your Photo ID to the polling place.**

**every vote matters.**  
**every vote counts.**

**scVOTES.gov**

To be eligible to register, you must be:  
A U.S. Citizen | S.C. Resident | 18 years or older