



Special Alerts for Voting By Mail

Early Voting: June 11–18, 2026 **Election Day:** June 23, 2026

You have the right to vote by mail (also called absentee) in Maryland. All votes are counted before election results are made final. If you choose to vote-by-mail, follow these steps.

1. You must request that a mail-in ballot be sent to you.

- Go to Vote411.org, select Maryland and scroll down to “Absentee Ballot Process.” You must **request your ballot by June 16** for the 2026 primary election.
- You do not need to give a reason to ask for a mail-in ballot.

2. Be sure to sign and date the outside of the mailing envelope.

- Put your completed ballot inside the envelope and seal it shut. Do NOT remove the flap.
- The outside of the envelope must be signed and dated for your ballot to be counted.

3. Choose how to return your mail-in ballot.

- You can return your completed ballot to a drop box. Visit Vote411.org to find official drop box locations near you. Drop boxes are monitored 24 hours a day and emptied by election workers daily. Your ballot is time-stamped when the Board of Elections gets it.
- You can return your completed ballot to a place where in-person is happening. Tell the election worker you want to turn in your ballot.
- You can send in your ballot through the US Postal Service. No postage is needed.
 - **The U.S. Postal Service changed how mail is postmarked, which may add a few extra days to handling.**
 - If you return your completed ballot using a mailbox, mail it at least one week before Election Day to ensure it arrives on time.
 - If you take your ballot to a post office, go inside and ask to have it be postmarked immediately.

4. If you requested a mail-in ballot and decide to vote in-person, you will vote a provisional ballot.

- This will take a few extra minutes, so plan accordingly – but you will still receive a ballot and be able to vote.