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Deadline to Request a Mail-in Ballot is Approaching

ANNAPOLIS (October 14, 2026) — The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) reminds voters that the deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the 2026 Gubernatorial General Election is approaching.

To receive your mail-in ballot via mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) or submitted online by October 27, 2026. If you want to receive your mail-in ballot via email, submit your request online by Friday, October 30, 2026. Visit SBE's [mail-in ballot webpage](#) to request a ballot.

Mail-in ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by or before 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. If returned by hand, ballots must be submitted at an early voting center during early voting, or dropped at a ballot drop box or local board of elections by 8 p.m. on November 3. A list of locations can be found at [vote.md.gov/vote2026](#).

“With the General Election just weeks away, I encourage all Maryland voters to take a few moments now to make their voting plans,” said State Administrator of Elections Jared DeMarinis. “Voting by mail remains a safe, secure and convenient way to participate in the democratic process. Voters who plan to cast their ballots by mail should be mindful of the upcoming request deadlines to ensure they have ample time to receive and return their ballots.”

In addition to voting by mail, registered voters have two other options for casting their vote: vote early in-person or vote on Primary Election Day.

1. **Vote Early In-Person:** Avoid the Election Day rush by voting early.

Dates: Thursday, October 22 – Thursday, October 29

Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

If you are in line by 8 p.m. you will be permitted to cast a ballot. A complete list of early voting centers is available at [vote.md.gov/vote2026](#)

2. **Election Day In-Person:** Vote in person at your local polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

Hours: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FAX (410) 974- 2019	Toll Free Phone Number (800) 222-8683	151 West Street Suite 200
MD Relay Service (800) 735-2258	https://elections.maryland.gov	Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Voters must cast their vote at their assigned polling place. Locate your polling place on the [SBE website](#).

To track the status of your ballot visit vote.md.gov/search. Additional information about Maryland's Primary Election, including deadlines to return your voted ballot, can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026 or by downloading the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple store](#).

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