Hennepin County Elections Newsletter Toolkit

2026

This document contains newsletter content highlighting Hennepin County elections. Feel free to share this information with your community. The content is organized by topic. See election timeline below to ensure timely distribution of messages.

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2026 Election Timeline

Primary Election

- June 26: Absentee voting begins for state primary
- July 21: Primary deadline to pre-register to vote
- August 10: In-person absentee voting closes at 5 p.m.
- August 11: Primary Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Voting absentee

Absentee voting begins June 26

Absentee voting begins June 26, leading up to the primary election on August 11. Make sure you're prepared!

Vote by mail

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Complete an absentee ballot application (PDF) or fill out the online application.

Return your completed application by:
- Mail – Hennepin County Elections, Government Center, 300 6th St S MC-680, Minneapolis MN 55487
- Email – hc.vote@hennepin.us
- Fax – 612-348-2151

Vote in person

Vote early in person at your local elections office (check with your city clerk for location and hours), or at:
- Minneapolis Early Vote Center (Minneapolis residents only)
- Hennepin County Government Center (300 – 6th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55487)

Register to vote

Register to Vote

Are you registered to vote? Now is a great time to do so if you plan to cast a ballot in the 2026 primary election.

Registering to vote is easy

Minnesota makes it easy to check your voter registration status, register to vote, and update your registration at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote.

Already registered? It's still a good idea to confirm your registration is correct and up to date. You will need to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted. Pre-registration for the August primary election ends on July 21. If you plan to vote but miss this deadline, you can register at your polling place on Election Day by showing proof of residence. Find out what you need to register on Election Day at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/.

Have questions?

Contact hennepin.us/elections or find out what's on your ballot ahead of time.

Pre-register to vote for the primary election by July 21

Check your voter registration status, register to vote, and update your registration at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/.
Already registered? It's still a good idea to confirm your registration. You will need to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.

Now is also a good time to check with friends and family to make sure they're registered.

If you miss the deadline, register at the polls

To register on Election Day at your polling place, provide proof of residence or have someone from your precinct vouch on your behalf.

Find out what you need to register on Election Day at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/

Need more information?

Visit the Hennepin County Elections page or https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/ to register.

Early voting

Early voting begins June 26 for primary election

Primary Election Day is August 11, but you don't have to wait to cast your ballot.

What to do before you vote

1. Register to vote
2. View your sample ballot
3. Choose how you want to vote
   a. Vote absentee:
      i. Complete an absentee ballot application or fill out the online application.
   b. Vote early in-person:
      i. Visit your local elections office (check with your city clerk for location and hours)
      ii. Minneapolis Early Voting Center (Minneapolis residents)
      iii. Hennepin County Government Center will be open for absentee voting

Questions?

Visit Hennepin County Elections at hennepin.us/elections.

Reminder: Early voting started June 26 for primary election

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What to do before you vote

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   a. Already registered? Confirm your registration is correct and up to date.
   b. You will need to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.
2. Find out which candidates and questions you'll be voting on by viewing your sample ballot.
3. Choose how you want to vote.
   a. Vote absentee from the comfort of your home. You can complete an absentee ballot application (PDF) or fill out the online application.
   b. If you'd rather vote early in-person, visit your local election office or the Hennepin County Government Center (300 – 6th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55487)

Questions?

Visit Hennepin County Elections at hennepin.us/elections.

It's not too late to vote by mail in the primary election

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Request an absentee ballot at https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abrequest. Your completed ballot must be received by Election Day, August 11.

Find out what's on your ballot ahead of time at myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/.

Election Day reminders

Primary Election Day is August 11

Voting early

- In-person – Early voting ends August 10 at 5 p.m.
- By mail (absentee) – Absentee ballots must arrive by Election Day, August 11, to be counted. Ballots may be hand delivered to your city elections office by 5:00 p.m. on election day.

Voting on Election Day

Before you head to the polls:

- View your sample ballot
- Find your polling place

Registering on Election Day

To register at your polling place, you'll need to bring proof of residence:

- ID with your current name and address; or

- Photo ID AND a document, like a utility bill, due or dated within 30 days of the election with your current residence; or
- Registered voter from the same precinct who can confirm your address.

Find all acceptable proof of residence options at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/