

WHAT TO KNOW FOR ELECTION DAY

Illinois Primary Election — March 17

Make Your Voice Count



Voting is one of the most direct ways we can participate in shaping our communities. As Chicago community members, staying informed and engaged in the civic process strengthens not only our own voices but the example we set for our young people.

On Tuesday, March 17, Illinois voters will participate in the Primary Election, where candidates are selected to appear on the November ballot. Whether you vote early, by mail, or on Election Day, there are multiple ways to take part.

Why Vote in the Primary?



Primaries determine which candidates move forward to the general election.



They shape decisions that affect education, communities, and public resources.



Voting is a way to align your values with leadership at the local, state, and national level.

Get Informed Before You Vote!

Taking time to learn about candidates and ballot questions helps ensure your vote reflects what matters most to you. Nonpartisan resources make it easy to compare candidates, review platforms, and understand what's on your ballot. [Learn more about the candidates here.](#)

What Are the Ways to Vote ?

Election Day

Tuesday, March 17
Polls open 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting

Available in most counties, including vote centers and supersites.

Vote by Mail

Apply in advance and vote from home.*

*The USPS has changed their policy on postmarks, and there may be delays in postmarking mail-in ballots sent from home or dropped in a mailbox. It's recommended you mail your ballot before Election Day so it's postmarked by the March 17 deadline.

Find Your Polling Place, Register to Vote, or Learn About Candidates:

Illinois Voter Registration & Polling Place Lookup: chicagoelections.gov/voting
Nonpartisan voter guide: vote411.org

[Your voice matters. Make a plan, get informed, and participate.](#)

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