

# WHAT TO KNOW FOR ELECTION DAY

Illinois Primary Election — March 17

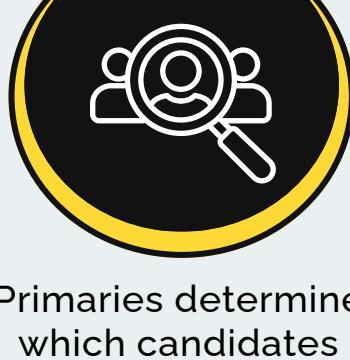
## Make Your Voice Count



**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.\*

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

Illinois Voter Registration & Polling Place Lookup: [chicagoelections.gov/voting](http://chicagoelections.gov/voting)

Nonpartisan voter guide: [vote411.org](http://vote411.org)

**Your voice matters. Make a plan, get informed, and participate.**

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