Dates and Deadlines for the April 6 Election

This resource seeks to provide Wisconsin voters with important dates and deadlines for the upcoming statewide nonpartisan general election on April 6.

Wednesday, March 17

This is the deadline to register to vote online or by mail for the April 6 election. If the voter has a valid, unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or ID card **and** their address on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles matches the address at which they are registering to vote, they may register to vote online at MyVote.WI.gov. If the voter does not have a valid, unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or ID card, they may complete the voter registration form online at MyVote.WI.gov and mail or deliver the completed form, along with a proof of residence document, to their municipal clerk's office.

After this date, the voter must register to vote in person at their municipal clerk's office or other designated registration site. The voter may also register to vote at their polling place on April 6.

Tuesday, March 23

This is the **recommended** deadline for the voter to **request** their absentee ballot for the April 6 election, according to the U.S. Postal Service. After March 23, the voter should consider either voting absentee in person or hand delivering their completed ballot to their municipal clerk's office or a designated dropbox.

This date also marks the start of early voting. Office hours and start dates vary by municipality. The voter should check with their municipal clerk's office for early voting locations and hours.

Tuesday, March 30

This is the **recommended** deadline for the voter to **return** their absentee ballot by mail for the April 6 election, according to the U.S. Postal Service. After March 30, the voter should hand deliver their completed ballot to their municipal clerk's office or a designated dropbox. The voter may also deliver their completed ballot to their polling place on April 6 before polls close at 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

This is the **legal** deadline for the voter to **request** their absentee ballot for the April 6 election. However, the Wisconsin Elections Commission believes it is unrealistic for any voter to wait until this date in order to guarantee that their vote will be counted on April 6. Nevertheless, all absentee ballot requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 1.

Friday, April 2

This is the deadline for the voter to register to vote at their municipal clerk's office or other designated registration site before the April 6 election. All voter registration forms must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 2. The voter may also register to vote at their polling place on April 6.

Sunday, April 4

This is the final day for early voting before the April 6 election. Office hours vary by municipality, and some municipalities won't offer early voting past April 2. The voter should check with their municipal clerk's office for early voting locations and hours.

Tuesday, April 6

This is the statewide nonpartisan general election from the Feb. 16 primary. There is one statewide race on the ballot—state superintendent of public instruction. The top two vote-getters from the Feb. 16 primary will appear on the ballot.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any voter who is in line by 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote. Voters who are hand-delivering an absentee ballot to their polling place or a central location designated by their municipal clerk must do so by 8 p.m. There are 35

municipalities including Milwaukee and Green Bay that count absentee ballots at a central location. Be sure to check if your location is among them.

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Looking for More Resources?

Check out CEEP's Wisconsin Voting Guide to learn more about how to register to vote and request your absentee ballot, as well as how to vote in person.