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In-person Excused Absentee Voting starts Wednesday, May 6, 2026

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (5/5/2026): Jefferson County voters who meet one of the eleven qualifying criteria may begin casting their in-person excused absentee ballots starting May 6.

Jefferson County Clerk David Yates reaffirmed his commitment to serving the community by expanding access and convenience in the voting process. "We are dedicated to empowering every eligible voter in our community to exercise their right to vote," said Yates. "Our efforts focus on offering a variety of options that meet diverse needs and circumstances, ensuring every voice has the opportunity to be heard."

Eligible voters may cast their ballots at the Jefferson County Clerk's Election Center, located at 1000 E. Liberty Street in Louisville, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13. This is the only location available for in-person excused absentee voting.

A ballot drop box will also be available at the Election Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during this period.

The following individuals qualify for an in-person excused absentee ballot:

1. Voter is a resident of Kentucky who is a covered voter as defined in KRS 117A.010, who will be absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
2. Voter, or spouse of voter, who has surgery scheduled that will require hospitalization on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
3. Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in this state and will be absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
4. Voter is a resident of Kentucky who is a uniformed-service voter as defined in KRS 117A.010 confined to a military base on election day and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
5. Voter who is in her last trimester of pregnancy.
6. Voter who has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction and, due to age, disability, or illness, is not able to appear at the polls on election day and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.

7. Voter who is a student who temporarily resides outside the county of his or her residence and will be absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
8. Voter who is employed in an occupation that is scheduled to work during all days and all hours, which shall include commute time, the polls are open on election day and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting.
9. Voter who is an election officer tasked with election administration for the current election cycle.
10. Voter who is a person prevented from voting in-person at the polls on election day and from casting a no-excuse in-person absentee ballot on all days no-excuse in-person absentee voting is conducted because he or she will be absent from the county of his or her residence during all days and hours no excuse in-person absentee voting is conducted.
11. Voter who is a caregiver who is providing medical or healthcare assistance to a voter who is qualified to cast an in-person absentee ballot.

To learn more, visit elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/mail-in-absentee-voting/

For more information on elections and voting, call (502) 574-6100, or connect online by visiting the Jefferson County Clerk's election website at Louisvillevotes.org.

Important Primary Election dates:

May 6-8 and May 11-13 - In-person excused absentee voting

May 14-16 - In-person Early Voting: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- <https://bit.ly/JeffersonCountyEarlyVotingLocations>

May 19 - Primary Election Day: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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