Hillsborough County: What to Know about Voting Before Election Day

Hillsborough County, FL – Voters who don’t like to leave important things until the last minute have two convenient options for casting their Presidential Preference Primary ballot early.

Voters have until 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7, to request a Vote By Mail ballot. Requests can be made online at VoteHillsborough.org or by calling (813) 612-4180. Mail ballots can be mailed back (the return postage is already pre-paid) or dropped off at any Early Voting site (during Early Voting) or at any of the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections’ four offices. All mail ballots must be in the Supervisor of Elections offices no later than 7 p.m. on March 17. The post office recommends allowing at least one week for a ballot to arrive by mail.

For voters who prefer to vote in person, Hillsborough County voters can cast their 2020 Presidential Preference Primary ballot at any of 23 Early Voting sites throughout the county. The sites are open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily through March 15, including weekends.

During Early Voting, voters can go to any Early Voting site and their ballot will be printed for them at the voting location. This is different than Election Day voting, when voters can only vote in the polling place assigned to their precinct.

Voters are encouraged to bring a Florida Driver License or other photo/signature ID for voter check-in. If they forget their identification, they can vote a provisional ballot, and their eligibility to vote will be verified by the elections office.

Florida has closed primaries, so only Democrats and Republicans can vote in the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Links to request and track Vote By Mail ballots, a list of Early Voting locations, and other helpful voting information can be found at VoteHillsborough.org.

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