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Press Release

**Oregon Primary Election May 19, 2020.** All active registered voters in Columbia County (approximately 39600) will receive a ballot tailored to their residential address and political party affiliation. Election details can be found at the County Elections Department webpage.

**Voter Registration Deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup>.** This is the last day for citizens who are not registered to vote to do so in order to receive a ballot for the May election. This is also the last day to choose a party affiliation. Voters who wish to vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary must be registered as a member of that party by the deadline. Voters who are not affiliated with a major party will receive a Nonpartisan ballot that will contain only nonpartisan offices and measures.

Voters can check and update their registration status and party affiliation at [Oregonvotes.gov](http://Oregonvotes.gov). Those not registered to vote, but have a valid Oregon driver license or ID, can register online at [Oregonvotes.gov](http://Oregonvotes.gov). Paper voter registration card can be downloaded at [Oregonvotes.gov](http://Oregonvotes.gov) or from the Columbia County Elections webpage. Registration cards must be post marked by April 28<sup>th</sup> or submitted online at [Oregonvotes.gov](http://Oregonvotes.gov) no later than 11:59 pm.

**Ballots will be mailed during the period April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Expected delivery to houses is between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. Voters who are unsure if they will receive a ballot or what address the ballot will be mailed to should check their status and if necessary update their registration at the [Oregonvotes.gov](http://Oregonvotes.gov).

**Return postage is pre-paid courtesy State of Oregon.** Beginning this year, return postage on ballots will be pre-paid. There is no need to apply a stamp or for voters to leave their home. Voters are encouraged to vote early and return by mail. Suggested last day of mailing return ballots would be Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>. After that, it's suggested to use a drop box. Ballots must be received by Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm, postmark does not count.

**Voters' Pamphlet.** The state voters' pamphlet will be delivered one per household approximately the week prior to ballot delivery. Inserted in the center of the pamphlet will be the Columbia County voter's pamphlet. If voters do not receive a voters' pamphlet, they should contact the local post office or they can view it online at the county website.

**Replacement Ballots / Ballot Pickup.** Due to restricted Courthouse access, all replacement ballots and new issue ballots will be mailed and in person pickups will be limited to special circumstances.

Voters can contact county elections to make arrangements for a replacement ballot.

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