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What Kalamazoo County Voters Should Know About Early Voting in Feb. 27 Presidential Primary Election

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Embracing a new approach to civic engagement, Kalamazoo County is set to introduce nine days of in-person early voting in the upcoming Feb. 27 presidential primary. The early voting window empowers voters in Kalamazoo County* with invaluable flexibility to cast their ballots ahead of Election Day.

Starting on Saturday, Feb. 17, and concluding on Sunday, Feb. 25, in-person early voting will be available at four strategically located sites across Kalamazoo County from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- **Kalamazoo County Expo Center** – 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- **Portage Parks & Recreation Department** – 320 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002
- **Fetzer Center at Western Michigan University** – 2251 Business Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
- **Douglass Community Association** – 1000 W Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Kalamazoo County voters should also be aware that Michigan's presidential primary election is considered a closed primary, requiring voters to select their party preference of *Democratic*, *Republican* or *No Party Declaration* before receiving a ballot. However, since there are no non-partisan races or ballot questions on the ballot, Kalamazoo County voters will not have the option to select *No Party Declaration*. It's important to note, there is no political party registration requirement in Michigan, and how a voter participates in the presidential primary does not determine how they may participate in future elections.

Michigan continues to uphold its commitment to accessible democracy through no-reason absentee voting. Voters who are enrolled in your local clerk's Permanent Mail Ballot List allowing you to automatically receive an absentee ballot for every election, will receive a mailer requesting you to complete a presidential selection form informing the local clerk of the ballot style they should send you. Absentee ballots are expected to be available Jan. 18.

"Whether you choose to vote by mail or in person, voters specifically in this election, must declare a ballot style," said Meredith Place, Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register of Deeds. "This crucial step is required before your local clerk or election inspector provides a voter with a ballot."

For additional information on early voting, visit the County's [early voting page](#). Questions regarding absentee ballots or the presidential selection form can be directed to your local clerk, which you may find on the [County Clerk/Register of Deeds page](#).

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