



# FAN Updates

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## Primaries are Important Too!

Overlooking the primaries?

Primary elections are a **vital** part of the democratic process! It provides voters the opportunity to select the major party nominee for each public office. In Ohio, there are primary races at the federal, state and local level!

Primaries are great ways to get to know the candidates and their policy priorities and values.

Voting in primaries ensures that your preferred candidate gets on the ballot for the general election!

Want to know who is on the ballot in the upcoming primary? **Click the button below.**

[Request a sample ballot here!](#)

## Key Dates

**Ohio's primary election: March 19, 2024**

**February 20:** Deadline to register to vote

**February 21:** Voting by Mail and Early In-Person Voting Begins

**March 12:** Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot

**March 17:** Last Day for In-Person Early Voting

**March 18:** Postmarked Deadline for Vote by Mail

**March 19:** In-Person Election Day 6:30am-7:30pm, Deadline to drop-off ballots

[Register to Vote Online](#)

### Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing opportunities are available at all locations such as the new Mid-Ohio Market at Gantz Road! Our agency partners need the support of community members to meet the growing needs of our neighbors and that is especially true in the coming months. To learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, visit <http://vhub.at/MOF>.

## MOFC VOTES!

The outcome of elections directly influences the policies, priorities, and resource allocations of a government, which, in turn, can shape the trajectory of anti-hunger and anti-poverty initiatives.

The reality is, the needs and demands of poor and low-income voters will never be adequately represented in the electoral process until and unless they vote!

MOFC is here to provide resources to get our customers, supporters, and neighbors prepared for this upcoming election season.

## Key Changes to Ohio Election Law

Major changes to Ohio election laws that went into effect in April 2023 significantly changed voting procedures, including **what IDs are accepted, the hours of early voting, and how Ohioans can register to vote.**

2024 is the first presidential year since these changes took effect, and many voters are not yet aware of these changes.

MOFC is helping spread the word to support every eligible voter to have their voice heard at the ballot box.

### • ACCEPTED FORMS OF ID FOR EARLY IN-PERSON/ ELECTION DAY VOTING

- Ohio driver's license
- State of Ohio ID card
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
- A US passport
- A US passport card
- US military ID card
- Ohio National Guard ID card
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

### • NO LONGER ACCEPTED TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- Military ID
- A copy of a Photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document

### • EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING CHANGES

- There is **NO LONGER** early voting on the **Monday** before Election Day

## CALL TO ACTION

**Call on Congress to make critical improvements to the federal Child Tax Credit**

Last week, the **House of Representatives** passed, **on a broad bipartisan basis**, a bill that includes an expansion of the **Child Tax Credit (CTC)**.



The bill now heads to the Senate, though the timeline for a potential committee markup and floor vote is unclear.

This provides a crucial window of time to ensure senators hear from us about the importance of an expanded CTC for reducing child hunger and poverty.

We are asking advocates to please contact your Senate offices as soon as possible and ***urge them to support the immediate passage of the expansion of the Child Tax Credit in the bipartisan tax package to help families.***

Contact Your Member to Support CTC Here

## Advocacy Resources:

Access [advocacy resources](#) and [FAN updates](#) here; or, for federal advocacy information, visit the [Feeding America](#) and the [Food Research and Action Center](#) (FRAC) advocacy sites.

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