

# 2023 Early Voting Communication Plan – Tompkins

## **Early Voting for June 27, 2023 Primary Election**

Early Voting Period: June 17 – June 25, 2023

Early Voting Sites with address and hours of operation. All early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities. Attached additional pages as necessary:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Hours Open</u>
1. Town of Ithaca Town Hall 215 N. Tioga St. (corner of E. Buffalo St.) Ithaca, NY 14850	All Specified Days	9 AM to 5 PM all days except Tuesday and Thursday in which the hours will be 12 PM to 8 PM

## **Early Voting for November 7, 2023 General Election**

Early Voting Period: October 28 – November 5, 2023

Early Voting Sites with address and hours of operation. All early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities. Attached additional pages as necessary:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Hours Open</u>
1. Town of Ithaca Town Hall 215 N. Tioga St. (corner of E. Buffalo St.) Ithaca, NY 14850	All Specified Days	9 AM to 5 PM all days except Tuesday and Thursday in which the hours will be 9 AM to 8 PM
2. CFR Building Conference Room 72 Brown Rd. (next to Taughannock Aviation) Ithaca, NY 14850	All Specified Days	9 AM to 5 PM all days except Tuesday and Thursday in which the hours will be 9 AM to 8 PM

# FAQ

**Primary Election – June 27, 2023**

**General Election – November 7, 2023**

## **What is Early Voting?**

Early voting is a nine (9) day period where voters can vote in-person before Election Day in their county.

## **Who can vote early?**

For the Primary Election to be held on June 27, 2023 all registered Democrats in the Towns of Caroline, Danby, and Enfield and in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wards in the City of Ithaca along with all registered Republicans in the Town of Enfield are eligible to vote early.

For the General Election to be held on November 7, 2023, any registered voter in Tompkins County is eligible to vote early.

## **When can I vote early?**

For the June 27<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, the Early Voting period will be from: **Saturday, June 17, 2023 through Sunday, June 25, 2023**. The polls will be open each day from 9 AM until 5 PM **except** Tuesday and Thursday when the polls will be open from 12 PM until 8 PM.

For the November 7<sup>th</sup> General Election, the Early Voting period will be from: **Saturday, October 28, 2023 through Sunday, November 5, 2023**. The polls will be open each day from 9 AM until 5 PM **except** Tuesday and Thursday when the polls will be open from 12 PM until 8 PM.

## **Where can I vote early?**

For the 2023 Primary Election, there will be one Early Voting center in Tompkins County. It will be the Town of Ithaca Town Hall located at 215 N. Tioga Street (corner of E. Buffalo Street) in downtown Ithaca.

For the 2023 General Election, there will be two Early Voting centers in Tompkins County. They will be the Town of Ithaca Town Hall located at 215 N. Tioga Street (corner of E. Buffalo Street) in downtown Ithaca and at the CFR Building Conference Room located at 72 Brown Road, next to Taughannock Aviation at the Airport.

## **How will I vote during early voting?**

Voting during early voting is the same as voting on Election Day. When you get to the early voting center, you will check in to vote, receive your ballot and vote as in any other election. There will be instructions available at the early voting centers to familiarize you with the ballot. There will also be a notice to voter and bill of rights. You may ask an election inspector to explain how to vote, or if you need any assistance.

If you vote during the early voting period, you are not eligible to vote on Election Day.

## **When will early voting results be posted?**

Early voting results will be canvassed and reported along with ballots voted on Election Day after 9 PM on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 for the Primary Election and Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for the General Election.

Describe your early voting communication plan to raise awareness of early voting opportunities to the voters in your County.

1. Was this plan posted to social media (Y/N) YES

Specify social media sites and dates posted:

Tompkins County Board of Elections Facebook Page. May 2, 2023

2. Was this plan posted to your CBOE website? YES

List date posted and website address.: May 2, 2023

[www.votetompkins.com](http://www.votetompkins.com)

3. List media outlets that you shared your early voting communication plan. What efforts did you take to engage media?:

We will work with Dominick Recchio, Director of Communications for Tompkins County to publicize Early Voting with all of our media outlets. He will work with us to engage local media in doing stories on the benefits of voting early.

4. List and describe stakeholder partnerships and outreach.

- Finger Lakes Independence Center: We have a meeting scheduled with them to discuss accessibility in polling places and will work with them to publicize Early Voting.
- We communicate with the local political parties and their candidates to promote Early Voting.

5. List and describe voter outreach methods.

- Annual Mail Check Card which is mailed out in May prominently publicizes Early Voting on both the front and back of the card.
- Email a pdf of our flyer to each municipality in Tompkins County which lists the location(s) and hours for Early Voting prior to each election and ask them to post it in their office and share it.
- We place a sandwich board in front of our office leading up to and during Early Voting days that lists the location(s) and hours for voting early.
- If we have to change any polling place for Election Day, we mail a notice to every affected voter. In that mailing we make them aware that Early Voting is an option they should consider.

6. Did you create a committee for early voting outreach? NO.

7. Did you send a mail card with early voting information? (Y/N) YES.

8. Did your communication plan have a clear notice to voters that if they cast a ballot during early voting then they are not allowed to vote on election day? (Y/N) YES.

9. Are all of your early voting poll sites accessible to the public? (Y/N) YES.

10. Are all of your poll site surveys submitted? (Y/N) YES.