

MEDIA GUIDELINES

This guide is intended to serve as a functional resource and to inform the media of regulations and procedures for acquiring information from the Marion County Election Center.

Media Inquiries

Please include your name, contact information, media affiliation, deadline, and details as it relates to your request.

Media Contacts

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Election workers are instructed to direct all media inquiries to the Supervisor of Elections office.

Polling Places and Early Voting Sites (Section 102.031, Fla. Stat.)

- Members of the media are not allowed in the polling room while the polls are open except to vote.
- No photography by any means is permitted in the polling room or early voting area.
- Exit polling is permitted inside the 100 ft. no-solicitation zone as long as it is conducted in an area that does not interfere with voter access to the polling place. Please contact our office ahead of time if you plan to conduct an exit poll.

Tracking Voter Turnout

Voter turnout can be viewed on our website as early as 45 days prior to the election at www.VoteMarion.com/Turnout. This web service allows visitors to see graphical representations of votes cast (does not represent votes counted) in Marion County by breakdown of voting method, party, date, and precinct and is updated every 10 minutes.

Election Night Results

The first set of unofficial election results for Marion County will be posted by 7:30 p.m. and updated every 15 minutes thereafter until all precincts have reported. The first set of results will include vote-by-mail and early voting followed by Election Day precinct results. The results can be viewed at www.VoteMarion.com or in our media room on Election Night. Result and summary reports can be downloaded in CSV format within the "Reports" tab on the election results display. All results are unofficial until the final Canvassing Board meets and certifies the election (Between 7-12 days for a county-wide election. Refer to the canvassing schedule on our website under news items).

For additional information and resources, visit our Media Room page at
www.VoteMarion.com/Media-Room