1. **Poll Schedule** - Polling places in the Eastern Time Zone usually open at 8:00 AM, and close at 8:00 PM. In the Central Time Zone, polling places usually open at 7:00 AM, and close at 7:00 PM. A voter in line by 8:00 PM (EST) or 7:00 PM (CST) has the right to vote.

2. **Vote By Mail** - As a result of two state court lawsuits in the Davidson County Chancery Court, the State has expanded absentee voting to all voters in the state for the August primary election so that voters who do not wish to vote in person because of the pandemic can request a ballot by mail. That means that anyone can apply for an absentee ballot—no excuse required. You can find the updated absentee application at [https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting](https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting). In non-pandemic circumstances, under Tennessee state law, to vote absentee by mail, a voter normally has to provide a reason under one of fourteen narrow categories. For the primary election, you can request an absentee ballot by checking the excuse “impossible or unreasonable to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation.”

3. **Voter ID** - A voter must provide valid photo identification at the polling place in order to vote. If the voter DOES NOT HAVE photo identification, and their name appears on the computerized voter signature list, they may cast a provisional ballot. College student IDs and photo IDs not issued by the federal or Tennessee government will not be accepted. Acceptable forms of ID include:

   The following IDs may be used, even if expired:
   - Tennessee driver license with your photo
   - United States Passport
   - Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
   - Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government
   - United States Military photo ID
   - Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo
   - Employee ID card for retired state employees
   - Employee photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government

4. **Accessibility** - Each polling place must be accessible to elderly voters and physically disabled voters unless it has been determined that the precinct cannot reasonably be made accessible. In that case, elderly voters and physically disabled voters have the right to vote by absentee ballot or at the county election commission office on Election Day.

5. **Assistance at the polls** - Any voter who needs assistance voting is entitled to have some person of their choice, other than the voter’s employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union, mark the voter’s choices or assist the voter in marking their choices on the ballot. The voter can also ask an election official to assist them in the voting booth, but the voter must be accompanied by two election officials representing each of the two major political parties.

6. **If a voter has moved** - If a voter has moved to a different precinct in the same county prior to the election, they must complete a written affirmation of their current address and that they are entitled to vote. The voter will then be entitled to vote either at their new polling location. If the voter moved to a different county and did not update their registration within the 30-day deadline, then they cannot vote.

7. **Mistake ballot** - If a voter makes a mistake or “spoils” their ballot before casting it, the voter may obtain another ballot (not exceeding three in total). The voter should ask their election official for more information.

8. **Polling place boundary** - Voters have the right to wait to vote (and to vote) without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any way within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place or polling room.

9. **Provisional ballots** - A voter has the right to vote by provisional ballot if the voter believes that they have properly registered to vote and: (a) the voter’s name does not appear on the computer signature list of
registered voters in their precinct; (b) the voter does not have photo identification and their name appears on the computerized voter signature list, or (c) an election official asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote. However, a provisional ballot should be used as a last resort.

10. **Voting in the 2020 presidential preference primary election** – Primary elections in Tennessee are open, meaning voters may vote in either primary party regardless of the voter's party registration. However, the voter may only vote in one primary.

   **If you have any questions or to report any problems,**
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