

General Election - November 3, 2026

Cerro Gordo County

Monday, March 2

First day for candidates to file nomination papers for County Offices (NPPO/Nominated by Petition) & Twp Officials

Tuesday, June 2

5:00 pm - Deadline for candidates for County Offices (NPPO/Nominated by Petition) & Twp Officials to file nomination papers

Tuesday, June 9

5:00 pm - Deadline to object to candidate's nomination papers

Friday, August 21

5:00 pm - Deadline for candidates to withdraw

Tuesday, August 25

First day to file a request for an absentee ballot

Wednesday, August 26

5:00 pm - Deadline for candidates for Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner, Ag Extension Councilmember, and Clear Lake Sanitary District Trustee to file nomination papers

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Cerro Gordo County offices closed

Wednesday, October 7

9:00 am - Public test of the election system (will continue each day until completed)

Wednesday, October 14

First day absentee ballots can be mailed

First day to cast an absentee ballot at the County Auditor's Office

Monday, October 19

5:00 pm - Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail and pre-register to vote

Friday, October 30

5:00 pm - Deadline to submit written challenge to absentee voter

Saturday, October 31

The Auditor's office will be open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm for absentee voting

Monday, November 2

5:00 pm - Deadline to vote an absentee ballot in the county auditor's office

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day - Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm

8:00 pm - Deadline for absentee voter to correct an incomplete affidavit

8:00 pm - Deadline for personal delivery of voted absentee ballots to county auditor's office

Tuesday, November 10

2:00 pm - Canvass of Election by Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans Day

Cerro Gordo County offices closed

Thursday, November 12

9:00 am - Post Election Audit