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Voters urged to get election-ready for May

Stirling residents are being urged to get ready for the Scottish Parliament elections as early as possible. Scotland will go to the polls in less than three months' time on 6 May and general voter registration closes on 19 April.

With a significant increase expected for postal votes amid the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, the deadline for postal vote registration has been brought forward to 6 April to allow the anticipated surge in applications to be processed in time for the vote count.

Carol Beattie, Constituency Returning Officer for Stirling and Stirling Council Chief Executive, said: "The process of voting in this year's election is going to look very different because of Covid." Significant changes will be made to polling stations and our vote count location to make sure everyone taking part in this year's election in whatever capacity can do so safely and in line with government restrictions.

"If you're 16 or over, it is time to start thinking about how this will affect you, especially if you want to use a postal vote. Our advice is to check if you're registered now and consider your options for voting in the weeks ahead.

"The Electoral Registration Office for Central Scotland is the key source of information on voter registration for residents in Stirling. Information on registering and methods of voting are available on its website and letters have already been sent to households across Stirling with the current voter registration status of occupants.

Pete Wildman the ERO for the Stirling Council area said: "I would encourage anyone who wishes to vote by post at this election to apply now for their postal vote.