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Welcome to the official start of the 2024 Republican presidential nominating contest!

It's the day of the Iowa GOP caucuses, where participants will weigh in as first-in-the-nation for who will become the party's nominee to take on President Joe Biden in the November election.

- Are you an Iowan wanting to caucus? The Iowa Republican caucuses will kick off at 7 p.m. at precinct locations throughout the state: [Here's what you need to know](#).
- A new [Des Moines Register/NBC News/Mediacom Iowa Poll](#) dropped Saturday showing that former President Donald Trump continues to hold his lead in Iowa by a wide margin, with 48% of likely Republican caucusgoers naming him as their first choice.
- [The poll also found](#) former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley overtook Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis for the first time in Iowa with 20% and 16% respectively.
- While enthusiasm is high heading into the nominating cycle, [Iowa GOP officials say](#) wind chill and the recent blizzard could impact turnout at tonight's events. Temperatures are expected to stay below zero degrees Fahrenheit throughout the state Monday.

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[Presidential candidates make their final bid for Iowans to brave the cold ahead of caucus night](#)



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Blizzards and wind chill have created dangerous conditions in the first-in-the-nation state in the days before the 2024 Iowa Republican caucuses, the first contest on the road to the Republican presidential nomination. Though presidential candidates including former President Donald Trump, former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis were all in Iowa Sunday, they have all had to shift their weekend schedules in light of the harsh weather.

Despite the conditions, presidential candidates rallied to encourage supporters to make it to their precinct caucus locations Monday night. | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Why Arizona is worried about finishing the presidential election on time but other states aren't



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The officials who run Arizona's elections put out a blunt reminder last week: If lawmakers don't soon change key dates related to the upcoming presidential election, military voters may get their ballots late, and results might not be delivered to Congress in time.

Their letters, addressed to Gov. Katie Hobbs and Senate President Warren Petersen, raise important questions: Why is Arizona the only state that appears to be facing this conundrum, and how can it be solved? | [Arizona Mirror](#)

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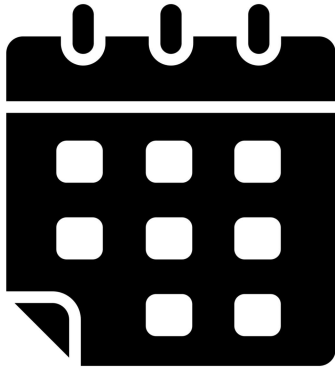
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- **Jan. 15, 2024, IOWA** | The Iowa Republican presidential caucuses.
- **Jan. 21, 2024, HENNIKER, NH** | CNN is scheduled to [host another GOP presidential debate](#) two days ahead of the first-in-the-nation primary.
- **Jan. 23, 2024, NEW HAMPSHIRE** | The New Hampshire presidential primary.

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