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## Turnout for early voting up in suburbs

DuPage County smashes record for first-day total

By Tess Kenny, Karina Atkins, Peter Breen and Rebecca Johnson  
Naperville Sun

Turnout for early voting in some Chicago suburbs is off to a strong — and, in at least one county, record-breaking — start, leaving some election officials hopeful for high voter turnout in a close election.

Officials in the collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will have begun tallying up early voting, which opened Thursday. Chicago voters, however, have to

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wait until Thursday to cast early ballots in person, and suburban Cook County residents will be able to vote early in person beginning Oct. 9.

In DuPage County, turnout on day one of early voting smashed records set four years ago, according to the clerk's office. Some 1,530 voters took to the polls last Thursday, more than double the 660 voters that turned out for the first day of early voting in 2020, which — at the time — was a record in itself, the county clerk's office announced in a news release.

"While it's too early to make predictions, it appears that DuPage County is on track to have a large turnout for this presidential election," county Clerk Jean Kaczmarek said in a statement. "There's excitement in the air."

Indeed, watch parties were planned across Chicagoland Tuesday night for the highly anticipated vice presidential debate between Republican Sen. JD Vance and Democratic Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz. It was the only scheduled vice presidential debate — and possibly last debate between the two campaigns — before the election in November.

"The presidential race always gets a lot of energy — I think it's got a lot of energy this year," said Susan Craighead, president of the League of Women Voters of Naperville, which has made a historic get-out-

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People take cover on Tuesday at the side of a freeway in Shores, between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, as a siren sounds a warning of incoming missiles fired from Iran. **OHAD ZWIGENBERG/AP**

# Conflict escalates as Iran launches missiles at Israel

Fears of a wider war in Middle East climb as raids into Lebanon continue

By Aamer Madhani, Melanie Lidman and Bassem Mroue  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Iran launched at least 180 missiles into Israel on Tuesday night, coming after Israeli ground incursions into Lebanon and sharply escalating a conflict between Israel and the Iran-backed militias Hezbollah and Hamas that began nearly a year ago and threaten to push the Middle East closer toward a regionwide war.

The orange glow of missiles streaked across Israel's night sky as air raid sirens blared across

the nation and millions of people scrambled into bomb shelters. After the attack, Israel said a few were hurt.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed late Tuesday to retaliate against Iran, which he said "made a big mistake tonight and it will pay for it."

Before Iran's attack, Israel had landed a series of devastating blows in recent weeks against Hezbollah's leadership in Lebanon. It added pressure on the militant group, which has been firing rockets into Israel since the war in Gaza began, by launching what it said is a limited ground

incursion in southern Lebanon.

Israel has said it will continue to strike Hezbollah until it is safe for citizens displaced from homes near the Lebanon border to return. Hezbollah has vowed to keep firing rockets into Israel until there is a cease-fire in Gaza.

Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said the country's air defenses intercepted many of Iran's incoming missiles, though some landed in central and southern Israel.

"This strike will have consequences," he said. He said the attack had caused only "very few" injuries but did not elaborate.

Israel and Iran have fought a shadow war for years, but rarely have they come into direct conflict.

Israel considers Iran to be its greatest foe — citing Iran's repeated calls for Israel's destruction, its support for Arab militant groups and its nuclear program. Iran denies Israeli accusations that it is developing a nuclear weapon.

Moments before Iran launched its missiles, a shooting attack in Tel Aviv left six people dead, police said, adding that the two suspects who had opened fire

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## Local universities tighten protest guidelines



Students walk near orange barriers on the main quad of the DePaul University campus on Sept. 26 in Chicago. In May, Chicago police dismantled DePaul University's pro-Palestine encampment after around 100 tents were set up in the area. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**"Once we have our rights taken away from us, it's harder to get them back. The universities may be responding to an immediate event, but this is going to affect all speech and protest and dissent on campus. ... The chilling effect from these kinds of restrictions will likely be pervasive and lasting."**

— American Association of University Professors general counsel Risa Lieberwitz

Advocates, students push back, say moves restrict free speech

By Sylvan Lebrun  
Chicago Tribune

When Chicago-area college students returned to campus this fall, they were greeted with more than just new lectures, readings and tests. Many local universities welcomed students back with drastically revised guidelines around protest and political speech.

In the wake of a wave of mass student demonstrations against the war in Gaza earlier this year, dozens of universities across the United States have adopted new policies for the current school year regulating when, where and how students can engage in political protest. Advocates for free speech and academic freedom have begun to ring the alarm.

Many Chicago-area schools have unveiled more restrictive new policies surrounding student protest, including Northwestern University, DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Among the

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