
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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- Preliminary Proxy Statement
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Merck & Co., Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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MERCK & CO., INC.
126 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE
RAHWAY, NJ 07065

Your **Vote** Counts!

MERCK & CO., INC.

2026 Annual Meeting

Vote by May 25, 2026

11:59 PM ET



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You invested in MERCK & CO., INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the shareholder meeting to be held on May 26, 2026.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 12, 2026. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639, or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Point your camera here and vote without entering a control number



Vote Virtually at the Meeting*

May 26, 2026
9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

Virtually at:
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MRK2026

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. <i>Election of Directors</i>	
Nominees:	
1a. Douglas M. Baker, Jr.	✓ For
1b. Mary Ellen Coe	✓ For
1c. Pamela J. Craig	✓ For
1d. Robert M. Davis	✓ For
1e. Thomas H. Glocer	✓ For
1f. Surendralal L. Karsanbhai	✓ For
1g. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D.	✓ For
1h. Stephen L. Mayo, Ph.D.	✓ For
1i. Paul B. Rothman, M.D.	✓ For
1j. Patricia F. Russo	✓ For
1k. Christine E. Seidman, M.D.	✓ For
1l. Inge G. Thulin	✓ For
1m. Kathy J. Warden	✓ For
2. Non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers.	✓ For
3. Ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2026.	✓ For
4. Shareholder proposal regarding a report on DEI risks in federal contracting.	✗ Against
5. Shareholder proposal regarding a report on healthcare coverage gaps.	✗ Against
6. Shareholder proposal regarding a report on political contributions.	✗ Against

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