## **Voting in Massachusetts**

#### **Important Dates!**

#### Massachusetts State Primary Election: **Sep 1, 2020 (**Early Voting: Aug 22, 2020 - Aug 28, 2020)

#### Massachusetts General Election: **Nov 3, 2020** (Early Voting: Oct 17, 2020 - Oct 30, 2020)

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## **Voter registration deadline**

## ***In Person or online:*** 20 days before Election Day.

## ***By Mail:*** Postmarked 20 days before Election Day.

To register in Massachusetts you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States

- Be a resident of Massachusetts

- Be 18 years old on or before the next election

# **Automatic Voter Registration** You can pre-register to vote at 16 years old! If you do not opt out of registering, you will automatically be registered to vote when you:

● Apply for or renew a driver's license or learner’s permit (16 & 17 y/o pre-registration takes place)

● Apply for or renew a state ID

● Apply for MassHealth benefits online, in person, or by phone.

● Apply for health insurance through the Commonwealth Health Connector

#### **Online Voter Registration:** <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

**Early Voting:** MassEarlyVote.com

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#### **Vote By Mail: new in 2020!**

In July, a new law was passed to allow all registered voters in Massachusetts to vote by mail in any 2020 election.

A Vote by Mail application will be mailed to every person who was registered to vote by July 1 (who had not already requested an absentee ballot). A second mailing will be sent out in September to all voters who have not already applied for a Vote by Mail ballot for the November election. *The applications are pre-addressed and no postage is necessary.*

Vote by Mail applications must be delivered to your local election office no later than 4 business days before the election.

For a State Primary ballot, your application must reach your local election office by August 26. For a State Election ballot, your application must reach your local election office by October 28.

**Vote In Person:** Find your polling location here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

**Emergency Absentee Ballot:** If you are admitted to a healthcare facility within 7 days of an election, or instructed to self-quarantine in your home, you may use the absentee ballot application to designate someone to pick up your emergency absentee ballot, deliver it to you, and return it to your local election official.