



How to Vote in Massachusetts

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at Massachusetts' [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and [mailing this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by October 24th because Massachusetts does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Massachusetts address and a Massachusetts driver's license or state-issued ID, or any other identification that has your name and address.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge says you cannot vote. Contact your [local Protection and Advocacy](#) agency for help understanding or restoring your vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot. Learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures," on [Massachusetts's election website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through [this online portal](#).
- **When can I vote?** Massachusetts does allow in-person early voting, so you can vote between October 17th and October 30th and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Massachusetts does not allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** If this is your first time voting in a federal election after registering to vote by mail or if you have not voted for a very long time and are on the inactive list, you will need to bring an ID to the polling place. If you have voted before, you do not need to bring any ID to your polling place.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote by absentee ballot. In fact, any voter in your state can vote by mail without an excuse for this election.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must download a vote by mail application off [this website](#), fill it out and return it to your local election office.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to submit a request for an absentee ballot is October 28th. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Massachusetts allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee or Vote by Mail ballot that can be completed electronically and emailed or mailed back. You can find instructions on requesting and returning the Accessible Vote By Mail (AVBM) ballot [here](#).
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. Check out [Massachusetts' elections website](#) for more info.

- **How do I return my ballot?** Ballots may be returned by mail or in person to your city/town hall. If your city/town has provided a secure ballot drop box, ballots can be submitted to that drop box . Your ballot must be postmarked by November 3rd and received by November 6th, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot [through this website](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:

Elections Division

Address: McCormack Building One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108

Phone: Toll-Free: 1-800-462-VOTE (8683), 617-727-2828

Email: elections@sec.state.ma.us

Website: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

Disability Law Center

Address: 11 Beacon Street Suite 925, Boston, MA 02108

Phone: 617-723-8455 | 800 872-9992

Email: mail@dlc-ma.org

Website: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/>

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
 - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
 - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)