Get out the vote in Massachusetts

Why should you vote?
Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

Massachusetts’s absentee and mail-in voting procedures

Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:
- Excuse required to request an absentee ballot

2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:
- Coronavirus updates: Absentee/mail-in voting eligibility extended to all qualified voters in the general elections.

How can you register to vote in Massachusetts?
To register to vote in Massachusetts, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

You can begin the registration process through Massachusetts’s Online Voter Registration System.

Election Day: November 3

Deadlines to know for voting in Massachusetts

Voter registration deadline:
October 14, 2020
Twenty days before an election.

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:
- Request must be received by November 2, 2020
  Day before the election

Ballot submission deadline:
- Postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by November 6, 2020.

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