Get out the vote in New York

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.

New York’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: Voters in the November 3, 2020, general election can cite concerns over COVID-19 as a valid excuse for voting absentee.

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

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

Deadlines to know for voting in New York

Voter registration deadline:
October 9, 2020
Twenty-five days before an election.

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:
Request must be received by
October 27, 2020
Seven days before the election

Ballot submission deadline:
By mail: Postmarked by November 2, 2020 and received by November 10, 2020.

In person: Must be received by close of polls on Election Day.

State Election Office
http://www.elections.ny.gov

Online Voter Registration System
http://dmv.ny.gov/org/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application

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