Important dates for the 2020 Election Year

Permanent changes

**Absentee ballots**
The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 26, 2020.
The deadline to request an absentee ballot in person is noon on Monday, August 31, 2020.

**Early voting by mail**
Starts as soon as the ballots and materials are received.
The deadline to request a mail in early ballot is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

**Voters admitted to a Health Care Facility**
The deadline to request a hand delivered absentee ballot if they have been admitted to a health care facility is noon on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Changes only for 2020

**Voter Registration**
The deadline is ten days before the election. The office must be open from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
The deadline to register to vote for the September 1, 2020 primary is Saturday, August 22, 2020.
The deadline to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 election will be Saturday, October 24, 2020.

**Absentee vs Vote by Mail**
Absentee instead of a “Vote by Mail” early ballot would include military/overseas voters, voters who have been admitted to a healthcare facility, or need to self-quarantine within a week of the election, voters who are specially qualified, or voters who need a family member to request the ballot on their behalf.

**Vote by mail applications**
The Secretary of State’s Office will mail all voters registered who have not already applied for a primary ballot by July 1, a Vote by Mail application for an Early ballot no later than July 15.

The Secretary of State’s Office must mail all voters registered who have not already applied for a State Election ballot by September 1, 2020 a Vote by Mail application for an early ballot no later than September 14, 2020.

Vote by Mail applications will be sent to every newly registered voter or a registered voter who changes their address from July 1, 2020 until October 24, 2020.

The deadline to submit a Vote by Mail application or an absentee ballot application for a mailed ballot for the primary is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

The deadline to submit a Vote by Mail application or an absentee ballot application for a mailed ballot for the Election is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

The Secretary of State’s Office must establish an online ballot request portal by October 1, 2020.
Early ballots for the State Primary must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 for them to count. Early ballots for the State Election must be postmarked by November 3, 2020 and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2020 to be counted.

In-person Early Voting for September
In person early voting for the State Primary shall be held from Saturday, August 22, 2020 through Friday, August 28, 2020. The hours of early voting on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and Sunday, August 23, 2020 is 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The hours of early voting from Monday through Thursday is 8:15 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:15 a.m. until noon. Early voting will be held at St. Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151 Bingo hall, rear entrance.

In person Early Voting for November
In person early voting for the State Election shall be held from Saturday, October 17, 2020 until Friday, October 30, 2020. For Saturday, October 17, 2020. Sunday, October 18, 2020, Saturday, October 24, 2020 and Sunday, October 25, 2020 early voting will be offered from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Weekday hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:15 – 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:15 a.m. -12:00 noon.

Thank you, The Board of Election Commissioners

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