

NOVEMBER 3rd PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION VOTER OPTIONS GUIDE

On July 6th the Governor signed new legislation - An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID. This legislation outlines 3 options for voting in the fall 2020 elections - [Vote by Mail](#), [Vote Early In Person](#) or [Vote on Election Day](#)

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
Presidential Election	November 3, 2020	OAHS	7 AM - 8 PM	October 24, 2020	October 28th - 5PM

View sample ballots at https://www.easton.ma.us/departments/town_clerk1/sample_ballots_.php

Review Ballot Questions – Voter Information Red Book
https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/IFV_2020.pdf



Vote on Election Day- [What you need to know before you go](#)

All Elections are held at the Oliver Ames High School Gym - 100 Lothrop St, Easton, MA 02356

All voters must enter from the Main Auditorium / Gym Entrance

- Precincts 1, 2, 6 - vote in the New Gym
- Precincts 3, 4, 5 - vote in the Old Gym

What's my Precinct? www.easton.ma.us/whatsmyprecinct.pdf

View the [Polling location map](#) to view changes that have been made to promote social distancing, including entrances/exits.



Click Banner for information on what you need to know / bring in advance of going to the polls to vote on election day to vote

- **Wear a Face Covering**
- **Bring a Pen** – Blue or Black ink sharpie or Paper Mate Flair (if you don't want to borrow one)
- **Bring a Clip Board or Book** to mark your ballot on (if you don't want to use a Voting Booth)
- **Bring an ID** – in some cases voters will be required to show an ID.
- **Don't touch your face** while at the polling location
- **Maintain Social Distancing** – keep 6' away from anyone not from your household
- **Keep your ballot dry and free from hand sanitizers** – to avoid tabulator issues

Vote by Mail

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the fall 2020 elections. Application post cards will be mailed to ALL registered voters, at their mailing address, who have not already applied to receive a vote by mail ballot on or around September 14th

APPLY EARLY - to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you. If you are concerned about applying too early - please note that voters can hold on to their ballot and return it during the week prior to the election. Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but do not return it prior to election day may appear to vote in person on election day to cast a ballot. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) cannot vote on Election Day.

Applications can be returned by Mail (postage is pre-paid on the post card application mailed to you), placed in the drop box outside of the town offices (136 Elm St) or scanned & emailed to votebymail@easton.ma.us

TRACK YOUR APPLICATION AND BALLOT

Voters who have applied for a vote by mail ballot may use this link to track the status of their application as well as their ballot status (mailed / received back). Please note that we anticipate a large volume of applications (there are over 17,000 voters in Easton) and request you **allow at least 2 weeks before checking the status of your application and allow a minimum of 10 days to receive your ballot from the status date of mailing**. Please DO NOT contact the Clerk's Office to check on your status until the recommended amount of time listed above has passed. Inquiries should be sent to votebymail@easton.ma.us

**The first batch of ballots for the November Presidential Election
will be mailed on or around October 12th.**

RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid return ballot envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines below) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the secured municipal drop box outside of the Town Offices (deadline is close of polls on Election Day). Ballots can NOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office for processing before they are delivered by Town Clerk's staff to the polls to be cast on Election Day. Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but do not return it prior to Election Day may appear to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) is not permitted to appear to vote in person on Election Day.

Deadlines for ballots to be returned and counted

- Ballots returned in the drop box must be received by **8PM on November 3rd**.
- Ballots returned by mail must be **postmarked by November 3rd AND received by** the Town Clerk by **5PM on November 6th**.

Please note that US Postal delivery services are not consistent and can range from 3 to 11 days. We recommend voters return their ballots in the drop box outside of the town offices by 8PM on Election Day to ensure it arrives back to us in time to count.

Anticipating a large volume of vote by mail ballots, the Clerk's Office respectfully requests that, when possible, voters return their ballots in the drop box outside of town hall as early as possible, on or before October 30th to assist with work flow and the offices ability to keep up with processing of returned ballots.

Vote Early in Person

Early Voting in person will be available for the fall 2020 elections.

An application is not required to vote early in person...just show up and vote!

Presidential Election Early Voting in Person

Period: October 17th - 30th

Location: Town Offices– 136 Elm Street – Colleen Corona Room*

Day	Date	Times
Saturday	10/17	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday	10/18	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	10/19	8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	10/20	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	10/21	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	10/22	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	10/23	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday	10/24	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday	10/25	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	10/26	8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	10/27	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	10/28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	10/29	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	10/30	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

*Please note that no more than 5 voters will be allowed in Town Hall to vote early at all times.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TO VOTE

Educated voters will reduce the amount of time necessary in the voting booths and reduce lines and crowding while voting.

Review the Ballot Questions & Information for Voters: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/IFV_2020.pdf

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What to Bring or Know when voting early in person:

- **Wear a Face Covering**
- **Bring a Pen** – Blue or Black ink sharpie or Paper Mate Flair (if you don't want to borrow one)
- **Bring a Clip Board or Book** to mark your ballot on (if you don't want to use a Voting Booth)
- **Bring an ID** – in some cases voters will be required to show an ID.
- **Don't touch your face** while at the polling location
- **Maintain Social Distancing** – keep 6' away from anyone not from your household

Electioneering During Early Voting in Person

The Select Board adopted policy #92 with the following regulation for the period designated for in-person absentee voting and the State's Early Voting Period:

No poster, card, handbill, placard, picture or circular intended to influence the action of the voter, other than those expressly authorized by G.L. c. 54, § 65, shall be posted, exhibited, circulated or distributed in the Town Clerk's office, in the building where the Town Clerk's office is located, on the walls thereof, on the premises on which the Town offices at 136 Elm Street stand within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of the building entrance door to said Town offices.

EARLY VOTING (by mail or in person) FAQ:

If I applied for a vote by mail ballot can I appear to vote in person at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day?

If your vote by mail ballot has not been received back to the Town Clerk's Office – YES, you may still appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day. These voters will be required to complete additional paperwork and will need to show an ID. Should your mail in ballot be received after you voted early in person or at the polls on Election Day that ballot will be rejected and will not be counted

If a vote by mail ballot has already been received back by the Town Clerk's Office – NO. A returned vote by mail ballot is considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, early in person or in person at the polls on Election Day.

If I vote early in person can I appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day?

NO - If you appeared to vote early in person your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, or in person at the polls on Election Day. Voting in Person at the Polls after submitting an early ballot is prohibited as outlined in 950 CMR 4 7.19.

When & how is an early voter's ballot cast?

All vote by mail and early voting in person ballots will be opened and inserted into a tabulator before election day or fed through the tabulators at the polls on election day. These ballots will be kept secured, locked, and unexamined until the polls are closed on Election Day.

Notice of Advance removal and depositing of Early Voted Ballots

In accordance with the Secretary of State Regulations 47.12 and under the provisions of section 7(k) of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020, the Town of Easton will be opening and/or depositing early voted ballots at the Town Offices, 136 Elm Street at the following sessions:

- Sunday, October 25th 8:00 AM
- Monday, October 26th 8:30 AM
- Tuesday, October 27th 8:30 AM
- Wednesday, October 28th 8:30 AM
- Thursday, October 29th 8:30 AM
- Friday, October 30th 8:30 AM
- Saturday, October 31st 9:00 AM
- Sunday, November 1st 9:00 AM
- Monday, November 2nd 9:00 AM

As the Town Offices remain closed to the public we respectfully ask that observers register by emailing townclerksoffice@easton.ma.us in advance of all processing of early voted ballots sessions.

In accordance with the Regulations 47.12 and the provisions of section 7(k) of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020, no results shall be determined or announced until after the time the polls close on November 3rd. At that time the results from the advance processed ballots will be added to the election day results and posted in a public place.