

Q&A: State Elections During COVID-19

Q: Voting by mail is highly encouraged due to COVID-19. How does this work?

A: You must submit an application no later than October 28th – 5 PM for the 11-3-2020 State Election. However, it is highly recommended to return your application no later than October 20 to ensure a timely delivery of the ballot. To ensure timely receipt of the application by the Town Clerk’s office, you can scan and email to vote@northandoverma.gov Vote by Mail applications can be downloaded [here](#)

Q: How do I know if my application has been received? If the ballot has been mailed? If the voted ballot has been received back at Town Hall?

A: Vote by Mail applications are coming in by the thousands. To check the status of your request / ballot, go to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx> This site is updated daily. Check back often and please be patient. We have extra help in the Town Clerk’s Office and we are working as fast as we can. In order not to miss anything, we are being prudent in our work.

Q: Will there be Early Voting?

A: Yes - Early voting will take place beginning Saturday, October 17th through Friday, October 30th at the **North Andover Senior Center – 120 R Main Street**. Hours will be as follows:

Saturday, October 17th 9 AM – 2 PM	Sunday, October 18th 9 AM – 2 PM
Monday, October 19th 9 AM – 3 PM	Tuesday, October 20th 9 AM – 5 PM
Wednesday, October 21st 9 AM – 3 PM	Thursday, October 22nd 9 AM – 3 PM
Friday, October 23rd 9 AM – NOON	

Saturday, October 24th 9 AM – 2 PM	Sunday, October 25 th 9 AM – 2 PM
Monday, October 26th 9 AM – 3 PM	Tuesday, October 27th 9 AM – 5 PM
Wednesday, October 28th 9 AM – 3 PM	Thursday, October 29th 9 AM – 3 PM
Friday, October 30th 9 AM – NOON (Last Day)	

Q: Will there still be in person voting on Election Day?

A: Yes, In-person voting on Election Day will be Tuesday, November 3rd at the North Andover High School Field House, 430 Osgood Street from 7 AM – 8 PM. Per CDC guidelines, face coverings are highly recommended and social distancing

will be enforced. Voters will be limited into the polling location at any given time, voting booths and the marking pens will be sanitized on a regular basis. Voters will be asked to enter through one door, and exit through another door, which will be clearly marked and monitored by staff. Voters will not be allowed to linger at check in tables to socialize with the workers, and will be asked not to linger inside the polling location once you have cast your ballot.

If you cannot download either application, a hand-written or typed note with your signature can be sent to the Town Clerk. You can mail it to 120 Main Street, North Andover to the attention of Trudy Reid, or scan and email to vote@northandoverma.gov.

Note: A photo of the request taken with your phone and emailed is also acceptable.

Various forms of communicating your request is accepted for vote by mail. However, the request must be in writing and must be signed by the applicant. (no calls, voicemails, etc.)

Q: Is there a recommended time to allow ballots to be mailed back and forth?

A: The ballots must be received no later than 8 PM, Tuesday, November 3rd Election Day. Ballots postmarked by November 3rd will be accepted up until November 6th. It can take up to three weeks to request a ballot by mail and receive it under normal circumstances even if all transactions occur within North Andover. With COVID-19 restrictions, this process is even slower. Therefore – it is important to request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail.

Q: When are Absentee and Mail In Ballots counted?

A: Except for ballots which are rejected as defective, all absentee ballots are cast and counted by the poll workers on Election Day. Absentee and Mail in ballots are included in the final tallies, and are counted whether or not an election contains a close race.

Q: What is the last day to register to vote in the November 3rd State Election?

A: Saturday, October 24th. This is for anyone new to town, or you have never registered to vote before.

Q: Does MA have online voter registration?

A: Yes, one can register on line at www.registertovotema.com, as long as you have a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles, which could be a MA driver's license or a State ID card.

Q: Can 16 and 17 year olds register to vote?

A: Yes, but it's only a pre-registration. By law, you cannot vote until age 18. If one is turning 18 after the last day of voter registration but before the election, is it highly recommended you pre-register. This will allow you to vote on Election Day. This can be done on line at www.registertovotema.com, or down load a voter registration form [here](#) and mail to 120 Main Street, North Andover, Attn Town Clerk's office or scan and email to treid@northandoverma.gov

Additional questions regarding the upcoming State Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd can be sent to the Town Clerk, Trudy Reid at treid@northandoverma.gov