

GOTV in Massachusetts

First things first

Register to vote:

- Go to: vote411.org/pflag
 - Check your registration status
 - If you are not registered – REGISTER NOW.
 - Find information about who is eligible to vote in Massachusetts
- When you register you will be asked for your current address and ID Number (driver's license, state ID, or social security number).
- The voter registration deadline in Massachusetts is October 24, 2026.



Voter Identification

In Massachusetts, identification may be required to register and cast a ballot. You may need to show identification before voting if:

- You're voting for the first time in Massachusetts, you're on the inactive voter list, or the poll worker has a "practical and legal reason" to ask
- For more information visit: vote411.org/pflag
- There are resources available to help:
 - **League of Women Voters of Massachusetts:**
lwwma.org/massachusetts-voters-bill-of-rights/
 - **Vote Riders:** voteriders.org/freehelp/

Acceptable ID

Driver's license

State ID card

Recent utility bill

Rent receipt or lease

Letter from a school
dormitory

Copy of a voter
registration affidavit

And More!

Voting While Trans/Nonbinary

The state of Massachusetts does not provide any specific guidance for trans and nonbinary voters. Here are a few recommendations from Advocates for Trans Equality:

- Bring valid ID and backups (voter registration card, utility bill)
- Share the #VotingWhileTrans guide with poll workers
- If needed, connect with a volunteer attorney on-site or call the National Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Worst case, request and cast a provisional ballot and be sure to ask for follow-up instructions



Voting While Living With a Disability

- All voting locations will have accessible parking, entrances, and ramps wherever there are stairs.
- You can vote through the mail using an absentee ballot or choose someone to assist you at any step of the voting process.
- All voting locations will have at least one accessible voting machine. This machine can display the ballot in high-contrast, magnified text, and use audio cues.
- Curbside voting is not available.
- More information can be found here: sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/voters-with-disabilities.htm

Voting as a New Citizen

Naturalized citizens have the same right to vote as citizens born in the United States. VoteRiders, a nonpartisan organization focused on voter-ID, recommends that new citizens:

- Update ID documents to be sure your citizen status is reflected accurately.
- Check your voter registration to ensure that you are registered (and then check again before your state's voter registration deadline).
- Familiarize yourself with the laws in your state that have to do with voting. Verify if language assistance is readily available.
- You can find additional information here: voteriders.org/voter/citizen



Absentee voting or voting by mail

Vote by mail.

- In Massachusetts, all registered voters are eligible for no-excuse voting by mail.
- State law requires that all registered voters receive a pre-addressed vote-by-mail application, with postage included, 45 days before the election.
- Some voters may still need to fill out an absentee ballot application if:
 - You will be away from your town on Election Day
 - You are requesting an emergency absentee ballot due to hospitalization
 - You are on active military duty



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- Voters must request their absentee/mail-in ballot by 5 pm on October 27.
- In Massachusetts, an absentee/mail-in ballot must be received by 8pm on November 3.
- You can request an absentee ballot here:
sec.state.ma.us/MailInRequestWeb/MailInBallot.aspx.
- You cannot drop your ballot off at a polling place on election day.
You must mail it back, hand deliver it to your local election office, drop it off at an early voting location during early voting hours, or use a ballot drop box.



**PFLAG recommends that voters
request their absentee ballots as soon
as possible and get them in the
mailbox no later than Tuesday,
October 20.**

Early voting

Vote early.

- All registered voters in Massachusetts can vote early for any reason.
- You can find information about early voting locations in Massachusetts here: vote411.org/pflag
- Early voting begins in Massachusetts on October 17 and ends on October 30.
- The early voting schedule is set by local election officials. For state-wide elections and primaries, the Massachusetts Secretary of State will publish voting schedules for every city and town on their website, at least one week before early voting begins.



Getting Out The Vote

Voting on Election Day:

Vote on election day.

- Polls open in Massachusetts at 7am and close at 8pm on Tuesday, November 3. Some towns may open the polls as early as 5:45 am.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here:
vote411.org/pflag
- If you arrive and are told you won't be allowed to vote:
 - Don't panic. Ask why, fix any problems, ask about same day registration, request a provisional ballot, etc.
 - Call 866-OUR-VOTE or 888-VE-Y-VOTA.



**If you are in line to vote
when the polls close,
STAY IN LINE.**