

# TOWN OF WELLESLEY MASSACHUSETTS



## STATE ELECTION – November 8, 2022

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are my voting options for the State Primary?

1. Vote by Mail
  - a. Request a ballot by mail by completing the form and sending it to Town Hall no later than 5:00 PM on November 1, 2022.
2. OR you may Early Vote in-person at Town Hall Saturday October 22, 2022 through November 4, 2022. Check the website for times.
3. OR you may vote in-person on Election Day, Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at your precinct. The Polls are open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

When will the Vote by Mail and Early Voting In-Person ballots be counted?

- All Vote by Mail ballots received by 6:00 PM on November 8<sup>th</sup> and Early Voting In-Person ballots and Election Day In-Person ballots will be counted by the end of the evening on Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>. All Vote by Mail ballots received at Town Hall between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on November 8<sup>th</sup> OR postmarked by November 8<sup>th</sup> will be counted at a later date in a public meeting of the Board of Registrars.

What is the difference between Vote by Mail ballots and Early Voting In-Person?

- The ballots and processing of the ballots are exactly the same.
- Both require the voter to complete their ballot and place it in a security envelope and sign it.
- Both types of ballots will be securely stored at Town Hall until the ballots are counted.
- The difference between the two is that one is mailed to the voter. The other requires voters to go to Town Hall to complete their ballot.

Where do I vote?

- Voting locations are determined by precinct. To find your voting location for Election Day on November 8<sup>th</sup>, go to: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote>

- Any and all Wellesley registered voters may vote early at Town Hall between October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>.

I requested a Vote by Mail ballot. What if I change my mind and want to vote in-person?

- If you have not returned your Vote by Mail ballot, you may change your mind and vote in-person. Only 1 ballot per person will be counted. If you decide to vote in-person, please destroy your mail -in ballot afterwards.

I requested a Vote by Mail ballot but haven't seen it. I'm away and the Post Office is supposed to forward my mail.

- The Post Office will NOT forward ballots. They are returned to the Town Clerk's office. Please contact the Town Clerk's office to request that your ballot be mailed to your other location.

Why did I receive another ballot in the mail after I returned my ballot?

- Please open the envelope! If you did not sign the security envelope, your ballot is rejected due to missing a signature. We will notify you and send you another ballot.

Where should I drop off my Vote by Mail ballot?

- Ballots may be dropped off at the Elections and Payment Drop Box outside of Town Hall, across from the Washington Street entrance, opposite the bell. Drop Box ballots are due no later than 8:00 PM on November 8<sup>th</sup>. No postage stamps are required.
- Ballots may be dropped off at Town Hall.
- Vote by Mail ballots may NOT be returned to the polling place on November 8<sup>th</sup>. They must be returned to Town Hall!

I didn't receive a ballot and I thought I requested one.

- You can track your ballot at:  
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>
- If your application was not received, please contact Town Hall to request another one.

How do I request a Vote by Mail Ballot?

- All registered voters as September 8<sup>th</sup>, who have not already requested a Vote by Mail Ballot, will receive an application at their home. Complete the application and return to Town Hall via mail (postage is pre-paid), the Town Hall drop box or email to [Elections@WellesleyMA.gov](mailto:Elections@WellesleyMA.gov)

Does my voter registration follow me if I move from one community to another?

- No, your voter registration does not follow you. You may update your address online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/> or at the Town Hall of your new address.

What if I have more questions?

- Email your questions to [Elections@WellesleyMA.gov](mailto:Elections@WellesleyMA.gov) or contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-431-1019, extension 2258.