

How do I absentee vote?

If you are absent from the Town on election day, physically disabled, or have a religious objection, you may vote absentee in Massachusetts.

Please file the Absentee Application Form with the Town Clerk stating your voting name and address and birthdate and the address where your ballot is to be sent. A ballot will be mailed to you the same day we receive a request. Absentee requests may be filed at any time prior to the election, up until NOON the day prior. Ballots will be mailed beginning 21 days prior to the election.

If you require the ballot to be *mailed out of Wellesley* please allow sufficient time for mailing in both directions (generally allow 10 mailing days for a ballot to go out of Wellesley and be returned).

If the ballot is to be *mailed out of the United States* please allow up to three weeks to accomplish the mailing. If you wish the ballot to be mailed by express/priority or FedEx type service, you must provide us with the mailing materials and payment. Otherwise the ballot will be mailed standard US Mail. Out of country voters are encouraged to use expedited mailing for return of the ballot. UOCAVA voters (out of country) may also qualify for email balloting please contact town clerk for details.

If you wish to *absentee vote in person* at the Town Clerk's office, please call (781-431-1019 ext. 2250) for an appointment and to determine if ballots are available.

Voters may apply for an absentee ballot in person and vote at the same time. Ballots cannot be hand-carried out of the office.

Absentee ballots must be RECEIVED in the Clerk's office on or before the close of the polls on election day.

All absentee ballots are counted at the polling place on the day of the election and are included in the reported totals.