



# Dedham Elections & Voting

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### **Will there be early, in-person voting for the Annual Town Election on April 10, 2021?**

Unfortunately, there will be **no early, in-person voting** for the Town Election.

### **How do I request an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot for the Town Election?**

You can request an application by mail or download an application on the Town Clerk's Elections and Voting website. If you cannot download an application, you can send a hand-written or typed note with your signature to the Town Clerk at 450 Washington St, Dedham, MA 02026 (Attn: Paul M. Munchbach), or it can be scanned and emailed to [pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov).

### **I requested an absentee ballot before the April 10 election when will the ballot arrive?**

Ballots for absentee or mail-in applications will be mailed out once we process the application. If there are any changes to your application, please notify the Town Clerk's office immediately.

### **Is there a recommended time to allow ballots to be mailed back and forth?**

The official deadline to request a ballot by mail is Tuesday, April 6 by 5:00 p.m. **Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10 – Election Day.** However, it can take up to two weeks to request a ballot by mail and receive it under normal circumstances even if all transactions occur within Dedham. *Therefore, it is important to request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail.*

### **When are absentee and mail-in ballots counted?**

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

### **What is the last day to register to vote for the Town Election on April 10, 2021?**

Monday, March 22, 2021 by 8:00 p.m. This is for anyone new to town, or if you have never registered to vote before.

### **Does Massachusetts have online voter registration?**

Yes, you can register online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://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.

### **Can 16- and 17-year olds register to vote?**

Yes, but it is only a pre-registration. By law, you cannot vote until the age of 18. If a person turns 18 after the last day of voter registration (March 22, 2021) but before the election (April 10, 2021), it is highly recommended to pre-register. This will allow that person to vote on Election Day. This can be done:

- Online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com)
- Download a voter registration form from the Town Clerk's website
  - Mail to Town Clerk (Attn: Paul M. Munchbach, 450 Washington St, Dedham, MA 02026)
  - Scan and email to Town Clerk [pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov)

### **I have additional questions that are not listed above. Who can I ask?**

Additional questions regarding the upcoming Annual Election scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021 can be sent to Town Clerk Paul M. Munchbach at [pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov) or call 781-751-9200.