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## CITY OF BOSTON ISSUES REMINDERS AHEAD OF STATE ELECTION TOMORROW

*Voter turnout currently at 36.5 percent; all polling locations will operate in accordance with public health guidelines*

BOSTON - Monday, November 2, 2020 - The City of Boston Election Department is reminding residents that tomorrow, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is the State Election. Registered voters who haven't cast their ballots are encouraged to make a voting plan now: either return their mail-in ballot as soon as possible or vote in person at their assigned polling location. If voting by mail, ballots **must** be postmarked by November 3 and arrive by November 6 to be counted. Vote-by-mail ballots can also be returned by being deposited in [any of the 17 dropboxes located around the City of Boston](#).

The City of Boston held a two-week early voting period with 27 polling locations around the City of Boston. During that period, 55,716 votes were cast in person. In addition, 103,268 votes have already been cast by mail. To date, voter turnout among registered Boston voters is at 36.5 percent. By comparison, in 2016 there were 277,366 votes cast, for a turnout of 66.75 percent for the State Election.

The election includes the following races: Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Register of Probate, and Office of the President of the United States. In addition to the races, there are two ballot questions: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data & Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Ranked-Choice Voting, and two public policy questions in State Representative Districts 11, 15, 17 and 18. Voters can view their ballot [here](#).

On Election Day, printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish, English and Chinese, and English and Vietnamese. There are over 566 poll workers who are able to provide assistance across the 255 voting precincts in languages including: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean, Russian, and Portuguese. All poll workers have been trained on following the COVID-19 safety protocols.

Due to COVID-19, [health and safety protocols on Election Day will be implemented at each polling location](#). All poll workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand six feet away from others and wear a face covering.

### **Voting**

There are now two methods of voting available for registered voters: vote by mail or in person on Election Day. Voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots or absentee ballots must have their signed ballot returned to the Boston Election Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2020, but postmarked by November 3, 2020 to be counted. Voters can track the status of their vote-by-mail ballots [here](#). Vote-by-mail ballots can also be returned to the Election Department by dropping it off at any of the 17 dropboxes located around the City of Boston. All dropbox locations can be found [here](#). If a voter brings a vote-by-mail ballot to their polling

location on Election Day, they will be provided with the opportunity to cast their vote in person instead. A poll worker will assist them in ensuring that their mail-in ballot is discarded before casting the in-person vote.

On Election Day, polling locations in Boston will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voters who have changed their mind about voting by mail and their ballot has not been received by the Election Department, may vote in-person at their designated polling location. Voters can find their polling location for Election Day [here](#).

*Voters are reminded there are 20 precinct polling location changes this election cycle, the same as the State Primary election:*

<b>WARD/PRECINCT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS LOCATION</b>	<b>NEW LOCATION</b>
Ward 1, Precinct 15 and Ward 13, Precinct 3	Harbor Point Technology Center 15 Harbor Point Blvd Dorchester, MA 02125	Corcoran Jennison Mullins Community Building 270 Mt Vernon St Dorchester, MA 02125
Ward 4, Precincts 6 and 7	Morville House 100 Norway St Boston, MA 02115	Northeastern University, Matthew's Arena 238 St Botolph St Boston, MA 02115
Ward 4, Precincts 5 and 8	Symphony Plaza East and West 334 Massachusetts Ave Boston, MA 02115	Northeastern University, Matthew's Arena 238 St Botolph St Boston, MA 02115
Ward 7, Precincts 1 and 2	BCYF Curley Recreation Center 1663 Columbia Rd Boston, MA 02127	Joseph P. Tynan School 650 E 4th St Boston, MA 02127
Ward 9, Precinct 5	Marcus Garvey Gardens 44 John Eliot Sq Boston, MA 02119	BCYF Shelburne Center 2730 Washington St Boston, MA 02119
Ward 11, Precinct 4	Amory Street Apartments 125 Amory St Boston, MA 02119	Word of Life Tabernacle Church 120 Amory St Boston, MA 02119
Ward 13, Precincts 1 and 2	Cardinal Medeiros Apartments 11 Woodcliff St Boston, MA 02125	John Winthrop Street Elementary School 35 Brookford St Boston, MA 02125
Ward 13, Precincts 7 and 8	Catherine Clark Apartments 915 Dorchester Ave Dorchester, MA 02125	Saint Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy- Columbia Campus 790 Columbia Rd Dorchester, MA 02125
Ward 17, Precincts 1 and 3	Roxbury Prep Lucy Stone Campus 22 Regina Rd Boston, MA 02124	Codman Square Tech Center 450 Washington St Boston, MA 02124
Ward 18, Precincts 12 and 19	Boston Trinity Academy 17 Hale St Hyde Park, MA 02136	Hyde Park Municipal Building 1179 River St Hyde Park, MA 02136
Ward 19, Precincts 10 and 13	BCYF Roslindale Community Center 6 Cummins Hwy Boston, MA 02131	Washington Irving School 105 Cummins Hwy Roslindale, MA 02131

*Additionally, there are six voter entrance changes to polling locations this cycle, the same as the State Primary election:*

<b>WARD/PRECINCT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>VOTER ENTRANCE</b>
Ward 5, Precinct 1	41 Berkeley St	Berkeley Street side of the building

	Boston, MA 02116	
Ward 5, Precinct 3	24 Beacon St Boston, MA 02133	Bowdoin Street through Ashburton Park
Ward 5, Precincts 7 and 8	700 Boylston St Boston, MA 02116	Dartmouth Street side of the building
Ward 11, Precinct 2	BCYF Shelburne Center 2730 Washington St Boston, MA 02119	Moved from the community room to the Gymnasium. Enter through the parking lot on Dale Street
Ward 18, Precinct 3	Mattahunt Elementary School 100 Hebron Street Mattapan, MA 02126	Moved from the small gymnasium in the Community Center Building to the Cafeteria in the School

### ***Media guidelines***

- Members of the media are reminded that certain rules must be followed in order to ensure a smooth voting process for voters.
- Interviews of voters are not allowed inside polling locations and must be done at least 150 feet away.
- Interviews with election officers at the polling locations are not allowed. Interview requests for the Election Department should be directed through the Press Office at (617) 635-4461.
- Photos and b-roll shots will be allowed under the supervision of each polling location's warden.
- Photographers are reminded that zooming in on voter ballots and over-the-shoulder shots will not be allowed. Please respect every voter's right to a private ballot.
- The City of Boston Election Department will also be available for b-roll shots starting at 7:30 a.m.
- Unofficial results will be posted online at [www.boston.gov](http://www.boston.gov) after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.
- Updates will be provided periodically via our Facebook and Twitter account: @BostonElections
- Please do not call the Election Department for results. You will only be referred to the website.

*For more information about the State Election, please visit [boston.gov/elections](http://boston.gov/elections) or contact the Boston Election Department 617-635-8683 or [Election@boston.gov](mailto:Election@boston.gov).*

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