

2024 ELECTIONS – VOTER OPTION GUIDE

This guide outlines the multiple options voters have to participate in the 2024 elections.

Vote by Mail, Vote Early In Person or Vote on Election Day

There will not be In Person Early Voting for the Town Election

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
Presidential Primary Election	March 5, 2024	High School	7 AM - 8 PM	February 24, 2024	February 27, 2024
Town Election	May 21, 2024	High School	7 AM - 8 PM	May 3, 2024	May 14, 2024
State Primary Election	September 3, 2024	High School	7 AM – 8 PM	August 24, 2024	August 26, 2024
State Election	November 5, 2024	High School	7 AM – 8 PM	October 26, 2024	October 29, 2024

[Vote by Mail](#)

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the 2024 elections. Prior to the election, a post card application will be mailed to ALL registered voters, at their mailing address.

APPLY EARLY ([APPLICATION](#)) to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you.

Applications can be returned by pre-paid postage or placed in the drop box near the side entrance of Town Hall.

A signature is required in order to process your application. Questions can be directed to <mailto:townclerk@holliston.k12.ma.us>

SELECTION OF BALLOT TYPES - **PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY**

- In a primary election, a voter who is NOT registered in a political party must choose a party ballot (Democrat, Republican or Libertarian) on the application to vote by mail or in person voting (early or on election day).
- We are unable to process applications for Unenrolled (commonly known as Independent) voters who do not select a party ballot on their application.
- Unenrolled voters who select a party ballot type do not become registered in that party - they remain Unenrolled / Independent voters.
- Voters who are registered in one of the 3 political parties (Democrat, Republican or Libertarian) MUST take that party ballot and are not given a choice of ballot type.

Helpful links:

- [Verify your party enrollment](#)
- [Change your party enrollment](#)
(prior to the deadline to register to vote & before applying for a mail in ballot)

View sample ballots at: [Click Here for Holliston Town Election Sample Ballot](#)

TRACK YOUR APPLICATION AND BALLOT

Voters who have applied for a vote by mail ballot may track the status of their application as well as when their ballot was returned to the Town Clerk by using this link: [Track My Ballot / Application](#)
Please note that we anticipate a large volume of applications, and request that you **allow at least 1**

week before checking the status of your application and allow up to 10 days to receive your ballot from the date of mailing. Inquiries should be sent to townclerk@holliston.k12.ma.us

RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid return envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines below) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the drop box outside of the side entrance at Town Hall.

Ballots can NOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to Town Hall or the ballot drop box located outside at the side entrance of Town Hall. Your returned ballot on Election Day will be processed and brought to the polls to be cast by the Town Clerk's staff.

Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but have not returned it prior to Election Day may appear to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day. Any voter who has returned a vote by mail ballot or voted early in person, is not permitted to vote on Election Day.

Deadlines for ballots to be returned and counted

- **Presidential Primary Election** – All ballots must be received at Town Hall by **8PM** on **Mar 5th**
- **Town Election** – All ballots must be received at Town Hall by **8PM** on **May 21st**
- **Primary Election** - All ballots must be received at Town Hall by **8PM** on **September 3rd**
- **November Election** -
 - Ballots returned in the drop box must be received by **8PM** on **November 5th**.
 - Ballots returned by mail must be **postmarked by November 5th** AND received by the Town Clerk by **5PM on November 9th**.

Please note that US Postal delivery services are not consistent and can range from 3 to 11 days. We recommend voters return their ballots in the drop box outside of Town Hall by 8PM on Election Day to ensure it is counted.

Vote Early in Person

Early Voting in person will be available for the all State & Federal elections in 2024.(Does not include Town Election)

An application is not required to vote early in person...**just show up and vote!**

Presidential Primary Election Early Voting in Person

Dates: February 24th – March 1st

Location: Town Hall – 703 Washington Street – Upper Town Hall

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Saturday	2/24	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday	2/26	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	2/27	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	2/28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	2/29	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	3/1	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

State Primary Election Early Voting in Person

Dates: August 24th – August 30th

Location: Town Hall – 703 Washington Street – Upper Town Hall

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Saturday	8/24	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday	8/26	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8/27	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	8/28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday	8/29	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	8/30	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

State Election Early Voting in Person

Dates: October 19th – November 1st

Location: Town Hall– 703 Washington Street – Upper Town Hall

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Saturday	10/19	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday	10/21	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	10/22	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	10/23	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	10/24	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	10/25	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday	10/26	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday	10/28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	10/29	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	10/30	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	10/31	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	11/4	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Vote on Election Day- What you need to know before you go:

All Elections are held at the Holliston High School Gym – 370 Hollis Street, Holliston, MA 01746
Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

- Am I a registered voter? Check your [voter status](#)
- How do I register to vote? Register here: www.registertovotema.com
- What will I be voting on? View [sample ballots](#) **For Town Election**
- Bring an ID – in some cases voters will be required to show an ID

FAQ Early Voting, by mail or in person:

If I applied for a vote by mail ballot can I appear to vote in person at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day?

YES - If your vote by mail ballot has not been received back to the Town Clerk's Office, you may still appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day or at an early voting site. These voters will be required to complete additional paperwork and will need to show an ID. Should your mail in ballot be received after you voted early in person or at the polls on Election Day that ballot will be rejected and will not be counted.

NO - If a vote by mail ballot has already been received back to the Town Clerk's Office. A returned vote by mail ballot is considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote early in person or in person at the polls on Election Day.

If I vote early in person can I appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day?

NO - If you appeared to vote early in person your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote in person at the polls on Election Day. Voting in Person at the Polls after submitting an early ballot is prohibited as outlined in 950 CMR 4 7.19.

When & how is an early voter's ballot, by mail or in person, cast?

All vote by mail and early voting in person ballots will be opened and or fed through the tabulators at the polls on Election Day. These ballots will be kept secured, locked, and unexamined until the polls are closed on Election Day.