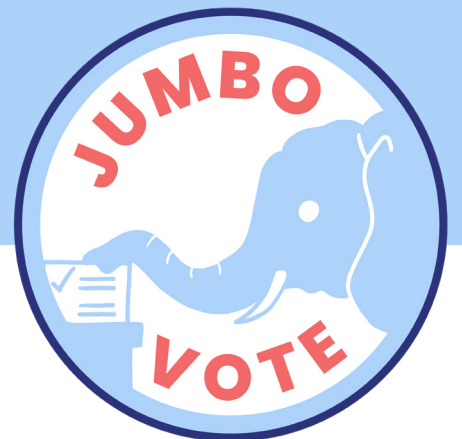


# JumboVote Absentee Voting Guide

## 2020 General Elections



**Check your voter  
registration**  
with [vote.org](https://vote.org) or your state's  
election website

**Register to vote**  
with [tufts.turbovote.org](https://tufts.turbovote.org), your state's  
election website, or the  
National Voter Registration Form

Our online guide has state-specific links to direct you to where you can check your registration, request your ballot, and find more information. We encourage you to visit it at <https://bit.ly/JV2020voting>

## What does it mean to vote absentee or vote-by-mail?

You cast your ballot by mail. Some states require a reason or excuse, while others permit any registered voter to cast a by-mail ballot. Many states' absentee/mail-in voting guidelines for eligibility are evolving and expanding in response to the pandemic; consult your state's election office website for the most updated information. College students are permitted to vote either in their home county or where they attend school; if they will be absent from their home state/county but wish to vote there on Election Day, they are eligible to vote absentee. Ensure that you're registered at the address at which you want to vote, whether that be in your home state/county or at school.

## Remember that absentee/mail-in voting is a two-step process:

1. Requesting your ballot

2. Returning your completed ballot

A few states require additional steps, such as sending a copy of photo ID or getting your forms notarized; take a look at our online guide for more information.

Allow ample time (JumboVote suggests at least 7 days in advance) to mail your application and ballot so that it reaches your county's election office by the deadline

**We recommend filling out the attached voting plan to keep track of these dates!**

## How do I decide whether to vote absentee?

Absentee voting may be right for you if:

You're invested in issues in your home community

You're from an area with competitive elections

AZ, CO, ME, and NC have competitive Senate elections

GA, IA, IL, ME, MI, MN, NJ, NM, NY, OK, PA, SC, TX, and UT have competitive House races

AZ, FL, PA, NC, and WI will be key to the Presidential election

You're from a state where the youth vote will be of particular significance. According to CIRCLE's Youth Electoral Significance Index, the youth vote will have an especially high impact in the following states for the following races:

In the presidential race: WI, PA, NC, FL, IA, AZ, MI, NH, MN, and ME

In senate races: CO, NC, ME, AZ, MT, IA, MI, GA, KS, and AL

In house races: IA 1st, ME 2nd, IA 2nd, IA 3rd, GA 7th, SC 1st, UT 4th, NJ 3rd, OK 5th, MN 7th

You're from MA but are unable to return to your home city or town to vote at your polling place on election day.

## Planning on voting in person instead?

If you intend to vote in person, feel free to visit some of the resources we've included in our voting guide or directly visit your state's election website. Take note of your polling location, polling hours, and any voter ID laws. Feel free to use the list we've attached to keep track of your voting plan!

# State by State

## Absentee Voting Deadlines

Our online guide contains more details and includes several links for each state to allow you to easily access the online and by mail applications for voter registration and absentee ballots. We have excluded some of the in-person voter deadlines; please visit your state's election office website or the additional resources we've included in the guide for more comprehensive information on deadlines, voter ID laws, polling locations/hours, and more.

<https://bit.ly/JV2020voting>

**General Election Date: November 3, 2020**

**Unless otherwise noted, your voted absentee ballot is due (received by your election official's office) on November 3**

### ALABAMA

**Voter registration deadline: Oct 19**  
**Absentee/mail-in voting: request ballot by Oct 29 (JV recommends by Oct 27)**

- Copy of valid photo ID required with request for absentee ballot
- Return of absentee ballot requires an affidavit that must be notarized or signed by two witnesses

### ARIZONA

**Voter registration deadline: Oct 5**  
**Absentee/mail-in voting: request ballot by Oct 23**

### ARKANSAS

**Voter registration deadline: Oct 4**  
**Absentee/mail-in voting: request ballot by Oct 27**

- Must include copy of acceptable form of ID with returned ballot

### ALASKA

**Voter registration deadline: Oct 4**  
**Absentee/mail-in voting: request ballot by mail-received by Oct 24 or by electronic transmission (email/fax) by Nov 2**

- Returned ballot includes affidavit that must be signed in presence of witness or notary

### CALIFORNIA

*California will conduct an all vote-by-mail election; all registered voters will automatically be mailed ballots*

**Voter registration deadline: Oct 19 or conditionally register beginning Oct 20**  
**Absentee/mail-in voting: request ballot by mail-received by Oct 27**

- If you want your ballot mailed to you at Tufts, you will likely need to fill out the request application to update your mailing address

## COLORADO

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 26; *in-person registration available through Nov 3*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *all voters automatically receive mail-in ballot. Ensure that the mailing address on record reflects where you want to receive your ballot*

- If you're recently registered and voting for the first time, you may need to provide a copy of ID with returned ballot; observe instructions about ID requirements that will arrive with ballot

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 13; *can also register during early voting or on Election Day*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 27*

## HAWAII

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*Hawaii votes by mail; all eligible voters will automatically receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days before the election*

**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 27*

- Only fill out the request form to indicate an alternate delivery address for your mail ballot (i.e., if you want your ballot to be delivered to a different location than where you are registered)

## INDIANA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 22 by mail—received, in person by Nov 2*

## CONNECTICUT

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 27; *in person election day registration available*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## DELAWARE

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 10

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 30 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## FLORIDA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 24*

## GEORGIA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 30 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## IDAHO

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 9

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 23*

## ILLINOIS

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**Voter registration deadline:** *online by Oct 18, by mail—postmarked by Oct 6, in person through Nov 3*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request by mail—received by Oct 29 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

- Voted ballot must be received by Nov 17

## IOWA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 24

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by mail Oct 24, in person Nov 2

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 2 and received by Nov 9

## KENTUCKY

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 27

## MAINE

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**Voter registration deadline:** by mail by Oct 13, in person through Election Day  
No online registration

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 31 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

## MASSACHUSETTS

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 14

- As a Tufts student, you are eligible to vote in MA. You must re-register each time your address changes (i.e., whenever you move dorms or apartments).

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

- If you're a MA resident registered at your home address, you're eligible to vote absentee if you won't be able to make it to your polling place on Election Day

## KANSAS

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 13

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 27

- Voted ballot must be postmarked Nov 3, received by Nov 6

## LOUISIANA

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**Voter registration deadline:** by mail by Oct 5, online by Oct 14

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 30 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

- Voted ballot due by 4:30 pm on Nov 2

## MARYLAND

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 13

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 27 (if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax) or Oct 30 (if you want to download ballot from the State's website)

- Voted ballots must be postmarked by Nov 3, received by your local board of elections by 10 am on Nov 13

- Voted ballot due by 4:30 pm on Nov 2

## MICHIGAN

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 20

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 30 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

## MINNESOTA

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**Voter registration deadline:** by mail—received or online by Oct 13. In person by Nov 3

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

- Voted ballot due by mail—received by 5 pm on Nov 2

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## MISSISSIPPI

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 5

**No online registration**

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** No deadline for request (JV recommends by Oct 27)

- Voted ballot must be signed by a notary
- Voted ballot due by 5 pm CST on Nov 2

## MONTANA

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**Voter registration deadline:** by mail—postmarked by Oct 4 and received by Oct 7

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

## NEVADA

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**Voter registration deadline:** online by Oct 29. By mail—postmarked or in person by Oct 6

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 20

## NEW JERSEY

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 13

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by mail—received by Oct 27 or in-person by Nov 2

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 3 and received within 48 hours of polls closing

## NORTH CAROLINA

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 9; can also register in-person during early voting until Nov 1

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 27

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 2 and received no later than Nov 8

## MISSOURI

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 7

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by mail—received by Oct 21 or in person by Nov 2

- Witness/notary required for absentee voting

## NEBRASKA

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**Voter registration deadline:** online or by mail—postmarked by Oct 16, or in person by Oct 23

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 23

- Voted ballot due by 4:30 pm on Nov 2

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**Voter registration deadline:** by mail—received by Oct 28 or Oct 21 (depends on town). In-person by Nov 3

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** no specific request deadline (JV recommends by Oct 27)

## NEW MEXICO

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**Voter registration deadline:** Oct 6

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request ballot by Oct 29 (JV recommends by Oct 27)

## NEW YORK

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**Voter registration deadline:** online or in person by Oct 9. By mail—postmarked by Oct 9 and received by Oct 14

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** request by mail—postmarked by Oct 27 or in-person by Nov 2

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 3 and received by Nov 10



## NORTH DAKOTA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *no voter registration necessary*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *Request deadline n/a (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 2 and received before Nov 8

## OKLAHOMA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 9*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 27*

- State law requires absentee voters to sign an absentee ballot affidavit, which must be notarized.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 19*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by 5 pm on Oct 27*

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *in person by Oct 2, online by Oct 4, or by mail by Oct 5*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request due by mail-received by Oct 30 or Nov 2 in person (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

- Absentee ballots usually need to be signed in the presence of a witness. This may change (as it did for the primaries).

## TENNESSE

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 5*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 27*

## OHIO

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 5*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *Request ballot by Oct 31 (\*\*JV recommends by Oct 27)*

- Voted ballot must be postmarked by Nov 2 and received no later than Nov 13

## OREGON

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*Elections are held by vote-by-mail. If you're a registered voter, your ballot will automatically be mailed to you 2-3 weeks before election day.*

**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 13*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *complete absentee ballot request or update mailing information online*

## RHODE ISLAND

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 4*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 13*

## SOUTH DAKOTA

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*Due to COVID 19, absentee ballot applications should be sent to all registered voters*

**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 19*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by 5 pm on Nov 2 (\*\* JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## TEXAS

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 5*

**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 23*

## UTAH

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**Voter registration deadline:** *by mail by Oct 4; in-person or online by Oct 27*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 28 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## VIRGINIA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 13*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 27*

- Return ballot requires signature of witness, though this requirement was waived for the primary due to pandemic-related concerns; check state elections website for updates

## WEST VIRGINIA

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 13*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 28 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## WYOMING

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 19*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## VERMONT

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Nov 3*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request by 5 pm on Nov 2 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*

## WASHINGTON

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*Washington conducts vote-by-mail elections; absentee ballots will automatically be sent to registered voters*

**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 26*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *ballots will automatically be mailed out to registered voters by Oct 16*  
- Verify address of delivery and update if necessary

## WISCONSIN

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**Voter registration deadline:** *Oct 14 (after this date, voters must register in the municipal clerk's office or at the polls)*  
**Absentee/mail-in voting:** *request ballot by Oct 29 (JV recommends by Oct 27)*  
- Copy of photo ID is required with application  
- Must be voted in the presence of a witness, who signs the return envelope

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text 'jumbovote' to 555-888 for election reminders!

