Election Day: November 3

Why should you vote?
Voting is the one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

Washington’s absentee and mail-in voting procedures

Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:
- Every voter receives a mail-in ballot by default

2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:
- No announced changes to voting procedures due to the coronavirus pandemic.

How can you register to vote in Washington?
To register to vote in Washington, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

You can begin the registration process through Washington’s Online Voter Registration System.

Deadlines to know for voting in Washington

Voter registration deadline:
October 26, 2020
Eight days before an election; 29 days if registering by mail or online.
Same-day registration is permitted during early voting and on Election Day

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:
Application Not Required
Automatically sends ballots to all eligible voters

Ballot submission deadline:
Submitted to a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) or postmarked by November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

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