

OP-ED from Gov. Andy Beshear and Secretary of State Michael Adams

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 28, 2020) – In the midst of a global health pandemic caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), as a Democratic Governor and a Republican Secretary of State we have proven that we can put partisanship aside to make our elections safer for our people.

We know that working across the aisle to reach a bipartisan agreement, regardless of where you live from Washington, D.C. to Frankfort, Kentucky, during any year, certainly an election year, is all too rare.

We don't always agree, but we have no disagreement when it comes to protecting the health of Kentuckians during this pandemic, while making sure they are able to exercise their patriotic duty to vote.

On Aug. 14, we announced an agreement to give Kentuckians more options to vote safely leading up to and on Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020.

We put politics aside – there was no political “horse-trading.” We knew we had to get this right for the people of Kentucky.

This was not the first time we've worked together for Kentucky's benefit. Earlier this year when the coronavirus was intensifying in the commonwealth, we jointly delayed party primaries and then quickly reached an agreement to allow those concerned about their health to vote absentee.

The result of our agreement, we had near record turnout. We had the commonwealth's highest primary turnout in 12 years – with both Democrats and Republicans taking advantage of voting options that helped to keep them safe.

We believe the primary was largely successful because we worked together in a bipartisan fashion. That bipartisanship not only led to a better product, with concerns on both sides accommodated, but it also showed all voters that our new election rules were fair, legitimate and credible.

The plan was not perfect, but we learned from that experience.

Our plan for the general election keeps the best of what worked in the June primary, especially giving voters options to safely cast their votes, and it makes improvements where necessary, including pushing for more in-person voting locations and faster election results.

During this pandemic, Kentuckians will have more than just 12 hours to vote at one polling place on Election Day.

Our plan includes:

Expanded absentee voting – Kentuckians who are concerned about in-person voting due to the coronavirus can request an absentee ballot online or through other methods, all of which require voter identity verification. Voters can return their ballots by mail, or put them in drop boxes we're distributing, a first for our state.

Early in-person voting – In order to reduce lines and further social distancing, we're offering three weeks of early in-person voting, including Saturdays, also a first for our state.

Election Day voting – While not every precinct will be open on Election Day, because, for example, some of our regular voting locations are nursing homes, Kentuckians are stepping up to serve as poll workers so that we can open as many locations as possible. Our plan requires every county to have at least one vote center, where anyone from that county can go vote, regardless of his or her precinct – another reform for our state.

Finally, Kentuckians who are unable to get a photo ID to vote due to the pandemic – whether because of risk of exposure to COVID-19, or because their clerk's office was closed – can sign a document explaining this concern, present non-photo ID and cast their ballots.

We know that there is still a lot of work ahead, including educating Kentuckians on their options and working with local election officials on the implementation.

With all the options available for Kentuckians to vote safely, we are confident that we will see high voter turnout in November, just as we saw in our primary.

In June, we created a national model both for how to enable people to vote safely and for how leaders should work together.

To forge the framework for a safe, successful and historic general election, we have already overcome the largest impediment – partisanship.

– Governor Andy Beshear and Secretary of State Michael Adams

Extraordinary Nurses Recognized At AdventHealth Manchester



Manchester, Kentucky August, 2020— Nurses at AdventHealth Manchester (AHM) are being honored with The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses every quarter. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

The award for First Quarter 2020 goes to Danielle Shepherd, RN

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Each quarter, a nurse will be selected by the Daisy committee to receive The DAISY Award. At a presentation given in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the honoree will receive a certificate commending her or him for being an “Extraordinary Nurse.” The certificate reads: “In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people.” The honoree will also be given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

“We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes everyday. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that,” says Karen Bell, Chief Nursing Officer at AdventHealth Manchester.

For more information on the DAISY Award or to nominate a nurse, visit www.adventhealthmanchester.com

Fayette Mall to Implement Youth Escort Policy

LEXINGTON, KY (February 26, 2020) – Fayette Mall today announced plans to implement a Youth Escort Policy (YEP), which is designed to provide all shoppers and retailers with a family-friendly, convenient and enjoyable shopping experience. The new policy is one of many measures that Fayette Mall management has put into place over the last several months as part of ongoing reviews of security protocol.

“In addition, we are announcing the installation of a state-of-the-art camera system that monitors both the interior and exterior of the shopping center. This system has both on and off-site monitoring capabilities and will be an invaluable tool for our security team and law enforcement.” said Myron Worley, general manager, Fayette Mall. “We continue to evaluate our security procedures on an ongoing basis and make adjustments as necessary, and the introduction of the YEP policy and the new camera system are part of our ongoing enhancements.”

The new Youth Escort Policy – which will be enforced beginning Friday, March 20 – requires all mall visitors under 18 years of age to be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is 21 years of age or older on Friday and Saturday nights after 4 p.m.

“Through feedback from our community, including shoppers and retailers that have voiced concern about inappropriate behavior, we are now introducing a policy that will allow Fayette Mall to address unsupervised youth and provide all our shoppers with a pleasant experience,” added Worley.

The Youth Escort Policy is intended to curtail the rising number of unsupervised youths hanging out at Fayette Mall and related disturbances.

“Teens and pre-teens are welcome to shop at the mall,” said Worley. “We are only requiring that our minor customers shop with a parent, or with a guardian who is 21 years of age or older, during the periods YEP is in effect.”

Teens employed at the mall will be allowed to work after 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings or at any time the policy is in effect. Fayette Mall will issue identification to teens under 18 years of age for ease of access to work during these times.

In addition to Friday and Saturday evenings, the policy can also be implemented at any other day and time at the discretion of management when it is deemed necessary.

Voter Registration Slowly Recovers from Pandemic

FRANKFORT, Ky. (August 31, 2020) – Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that Kentucky's number of registered voters increased slightly following the June primary election. From June 24, when the voter rolls reopened after the primary election, through July 31, a net 21,548 voters were added, for a current total of 3,497,941 registered voters.

Republicans added 20,597 registrants; Other added 1,985; Democratic registration declined by 1,034.

By contrast, over June and July last year, 167,044 net new voters were added to the rolls.

“Voter registration is slowly recovering from the effects of the pandemic,” said Secretary Adams. “As we recognize National Voter Registration Month in September, let's work to encourage all eligible Kentuckians to register at govoteky.com.”

Complete registration statistics are available at website, elect.ky.gov.

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