

**November 3, 2020 General Election In-person Voting Location Plan**

County: CLAY Total Pages in Plan: 6

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If Yes, Please Explain Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Explanation of County Plan:**

\*\*\*\*\*SEE ATTACHED\*\*\*\*\*

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## Narrative Explanation of County Plan

To facilitate greater voter and poll worker safety, to reduce lines at the polls, and given recent developments and information received, the Clay County Board of Elections would like to be given the opportunity to ask for an exception to the Executive Order of the Governor and to be approved to operate all 20 precincts on November 3, 2020 as normal. The fiscal court is in favor and has signed a contract to purchase the additional machines needed to open all 20 precincts. As of the date of this proposal, September 17, 2020, we have already obtained the signatures of over 100 people who have volunteered to serve as precinct election officers on November 3, 2020. This is an unprecedented response in our county and is reflective of our citizens' outrage upon finding out that we were only being provided equipment to open 7 voting locations in our county. We feel that this unprecedented response from our local citizens is evidence of their collective opinion that this is the most important general election for the President of the United States of America in our lifetimes, if not ever. It is the preference of the Clay County Board of Elections to have our 20 voting centers be precinct specific, rather than county wide, to allow our rural voters to exercise their right to vote in the safest, least confusing manner possible. Our early voting option will be available from October 13, 2020 to November 2, 2020 for any Clay County voter, on a county wide format, which should sufficiently comply with the Governor's Executive Order for at least one county wide central voting location per county.

Additionally, many of our schools do not have AT&T cell service, thereby doing away with the "sideways" synchronizing of the EPoll books. Therefore, we are requesting that our early voting EPoll book and the spares be formatted as county wide and the rest precinct specific. This will satisfy the execution of the early voting application. Precinct specific EPoll books will simplify and streamline the duties of the clerk's office and those of the poll workers, requiring less training and simpler instructions/duties for what will be many new and unexperienced precinct officers. The election board members understand that additional programming will be needed from ES&S and/or Tenex to make this possible. In anticipation of this potential extra cost, tentative approval has been given by Clay County Judge Executive, Johnny Johnson, to pay for any potential extra expense for such programming of the EPoll books to be precinct specific, that might not be covered by State Board of Elections in recognition of our understanding that the state has already contracted with Tenex to only program the EPoll books for open county-wide voting centers.

The purpose of our requested exception is to facilitate and enhance voter turnout and promote a safer environment for the voting residents of Clay County. We feel as though this is a reasonable and objectively scientific and fact-based conclusion which has already been approved by the Clay County Health Department.

The Clay County Board of Elections feels that open county voting centers will also carry an unintentional increased risk of promoting, encouraging, and/or facilitating potential voter fraud by unscrupulous people attempting to vote in multiple precincts in areas which lack a capacity for synchronization. Additionally, there is no doubt that this potential fraud problem will cause our clerk's office to have no choice but to spend substantial extra time checking for what we feel is a reasonably anticipatable risk. As a direct result thereof, we will have to incur unreasonable and unnecessary

additional expense, not to mention, a substantial delay in reporting post-election results that can be certified.

Our goal is to promote safe voter turnout in these unprecedented times and to reduce the risk of any potential voter fraud that would damage the integrity and/or reputation of our county to conduct free, open and honest elections. This is an issue that we have worked extremely hard, (i.e.: a reputation for voter fraud in the past) to overcome. We do not want to take any risk that the integrity of our voting results will be questioned in any manner and/or for any reason. We firmly believe that our proposed plan is the best way to enhance voter turnout and give our citizens the safest and most voter friendly environment to choose whether or not to exercise their CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE.



Facility Name/Type <small>*Please Note Which Facility Will Serve as County-wide Voting Center*</small>	Address	Type & Number of Voting Machines	Number of poll workers needed to staff
A101 Clay County Middle School	239 Richmond Road Manchester, KY 40962	2 Express Votes 1 DS200	4
A106 , E104 Paces Creek Elementary	1983 S HWY 421 Manchester, KY 40962	" " For each separate precinct	8
A107 & Early Voting Clay Co Admin Building	102 Richmond Road Manchester, KY 40962	" " For each separate precinct	4, 4
B101 Big Creek Elementary	523 N HWY 66 Manchester, KY 40962	" "	4
B103 Campground Store	3416 Beech Creek Rd Manchester, KY 40962	" "	4
B104 Clay Co High School	415 Clay Co High School RD Manchester, KY 40962	" "	4
C101, C102 Oneida Elementary C104	435 New Found Rd Oneida, KY 40972 1097 N HWY 11 Manchester, KY 40962	" " For each separate precinct	8
Clay Co. Tech. Center	1097 N HWY 11 Manchester, KY 40962	" "	4
C103 Oneida Fire Dept	80 Orchard St Oneida, KY 40972	" "	4
D102 Flat Creek Voting Booth	8870 HWY 2000 Big Creek, Ky 40914	" "	4
D103,D104 Goose Rock Elementary	364 HWY 1524 Manchester, KY 40962	" " For each separate precinct	8
E101, E102 TBA Upon Approval	EKU will not permit use of their building. Looking at 4 locations.		
E103 Hacker Fire Dept	5712 HWY 687 Manchester, KY 40962	" "	4

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F102, F104 Burning Springs Elem.	9847 N HWY 421 Manchester, KY 40962	2 ExpressVotes Each 1 DS200 Each	8