

LAUREL COUNTY ELECTION PLAN FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Early Voting

Laurel County will begin early voting on October 13, 2020 at the Laurel County Courthouse Annex building located directly behind the Laurel County Courthouse. Early voting will be conducted by Election Officers evenly divided by party affiliation and under supervision by the County Clerk and election department staff. During early voting hours of operation on Saturdays, County Clerk staff shall conduct early voting. Early voting will be conducted consistent to public health and social distancing standards in a manner that limits direct contact with both voters and election officials.

Absentee Mail Ballot Processing

The Laurel County Board of Elections has appointed an absentee ballot processing committee comprised of four Democrats and four Republicans. Additional members may be added to the committee should circumstances require it. The Absentee Ballot Processing Board shall meet in the Courthouse Committee Room located on the third floor of the Laurel County Courthouse. Any observation of absentee ballot processing and tabulation will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance. The board shall meet as necessary to tabulate all mail-in absentee ballots and shall provide 24 hour notice to the State Board of Elections before convening.

In-person Election Day Voting

The Laurel County Board of Election has selected twelve (12) polling places in Laurel County to be used for In-person voting on Election Day. All twelve (12) polling places selected shall be used as "County-wide Voting Centers" allowing any registered voter in Laurel County to cast their vote at any of the twelve (12) designated locations referenced in this plan. All voting will be conducted consistent to public health and social distancing standards in a manner that limits direct contact with both voters and election officials. Training for Election Officers will be conducted in-person and will be split into two or more training sessions in order to adhere to CDC standards for social distancing.

LAUREL COUNTY JUNE 23, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION PLAN

The Laurel County Board of Elections has appointed an absentee ballot processing committee comprised of two Democrats and two Republicans. Additional members may be added to the committee as the board sees fit in our next scheduled meeting. Any observation of absentee ballot processing and tabulation will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance.

In-person absentee voting will take place June 8, 2020 through June 22, 2020 at the Laurel County Courthouse Annex building located at 107 South Broad Street, London KY 40741. The Laurel County Board of Elections has appointed four (4) Election Officers to conduct the absentee voting during this time in order to allow staff of the Laurel County Clerk's Office the ability to process the vast amount of requests for absentee mail-in applications/ballots. This building is located directly behind the Courthouse and can be easily monitored by the County Clerk or deputy clerks if any issues arise. The hours of operation shall be 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Monday through Friday. All voting will be conducted consistent to public health and social distancing standards in a manner that limits direct contact with both voters and election officials. The Laurel County Board of Elections recommends voters to call prior to arrival so that any lines can be managed safely. Any voter wishing to schedule an appointment will be accommodated to comply with regulations for this primary. When in-office absentee voting has concluded on June 22, 2020 the results shall be tabulated by the absentee ballot processing committee or the County Board of Elections.

On Primary Election Day, June 23, 2020, there will be two (2) voting centers available for use for Laurel County voters. All voting will be conducted consistent to public health and social distancing standards in a manner that limits direct contact with both voters and election officials. All appointed Election Officers will be under the age of sixty five (65) in order to limit exposure to individuals at highest risk to the Coronavirus. The Laurel County Board of Elections has appointed twelve (12) officers to each of its two voting centers with alternate officers available should they be needed. There will be three (3) check-in stations and six (6) Tenex electronic pollbooks provided at each location. Voters will be voting by way of nine (9) E.S&S. Expressvote BMD machines and two (2) DS-200 scanners as well as paper ballots that will be provided for use at each voting center.

North Laurel High School Gymnasium
1300 Hal Rogers Pkwy
London, KY 40741

South Laurel High School Gymnasium
201 South Laurel Rd
London, KY 40744

Training for Election Officers will be conducted in-person adhering to social distancing standards. Training is scheduled to take place June 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m. in the Laurel County Courthouse Fiscal Courtroom.

In the event the Laurel County Clerk's office experiences an outbreak of Covid-19 the following measures will be taken:

1. The office will be closed immediately to both the public and staff
2. The entire office will be cleaned and sanitized immediately by a commercial cleaning company experienced in sanitizing standards as they relate to Covid-19
3. All election related personnel will be tested for Covid-19 before being permitted to return to work following office cleaning and sanitization

Sincerely,

Tony Brown
Laurel County Clerk
Chairman;
Laurel County Board of Elections