**Louisville Metro Council**

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**Go Vote- Today through Tuesday!**
Election Day isn’t really a day this year. Kentuckians have been voting in person since October 13 and the last day to vote is Tuesday, November 3. You won’t be able to just show up at your regular polling place that day. In fact, there are no polling locations in District 9. There are plenty of opportunities to vote but the best advice is to make a plan and get your ballot in as soon as possible. Please remember to turn your ballot over to vote on all issues.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

If you requested an absentee ballot, you can drop it off or mail it. Absentee ballots are required to be postmarked by Election Day, November 3, and received by November 6. Individuals who don’t want to run the risk of your ballot not arriving in time may put them in secure drop-off boxes, which are located at every early voting site and will be at every polling location on November 3. Ballots may also be dropped off at the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office at 701 West Ormsby Avenue, every weekday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, now through Election Day.

To make sure your absentee ballot is counted, it is very important to follow all instructions, including signature and envelope rules.  Information about how to complete your absentee ballot is in this [**video**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/10CKCjRg5DIA4mKBuW0jMtN?domain=lnks.gd). You’re encouraged to return your ballot as soon as possible so election officials can contact you in the event you made an error that can be corrected to make your vote count.

If you requested an absentee ballot but it did not arrive or you lost it, you **can vote in-person at any in-person voting site. To check the status of your absentee ballot, you can visit** [https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/vic/](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/8CloCkRjBEI4yB8KI2OWKDb?domain=lnks.gd). If you have any questions, call the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office at 502-574-6100.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING:

* Today (October 29); Friday, October 30; Saturday, October 31; and Monday, November 2, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day, any registered voter can vote early. There are four sites for early voting, with the closest one to District 9 being the KFC YUM! Center downtown. I voted there last week and the process was very quick and very safe. Parking there and at every early voting site is free.
* Early voting is not absentee voting – anyone (except someone who requested an absentee ballot which arrived and they still have) can vote early for any reason.

EARLY VOTING AND ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP-OFF BOX LOCATIONS:

* Kentucky Exposition Center, Fairgrounds North Wing - 937 Phillips Lane DATE: Now through November 2nd TIME: Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Free Parking)
* KFC YUM! Center – Foyer, Main & 2nd Streets DATE: Now through November 2nd TIME: Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Free Parking)
* Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd DATE: Now through November 2nd TIME: Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Free Parking)
* Louisville Marriott East Hotel Commonwealth Ballroom, 1903 Embassy Square Blvd DATE: Now through November 2nd TIME: Monday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3rd - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Free Parking)

ELECTION DAY (NOVEMBER 3) VOTING:

There will be twenty polling places on November 3, all open from 6 am to 6 pm.  They include the four early voting sites referenced above and 16 other locations.  Any registered voter can vote at any of them. While none of the twenty sites are in District 9, several are close by.

* KFC YUM! Center: Main & 2nd Street
* St. Matthews Community Center: 210 Ten Pin Lane
* Waggener High School: 330 S. Hubbards Lane
* Ballard High School: 6000 Brownsboro Road
* Meyzeek Middle School: 828 S. Jackson Street
* Seneca High School: 3510 Goldsmith Lane

Other locations:

* Kentucky Exposition Center, Fairgrounds North Wing: 937 Phillips Lane
* Kentucky Center for African American Heritage: 1701 West Muhammad Ali Blvd
* Louisville Marriott East Hotel Commonwealth Ballroom: 1903 Embassy Square Blvd
* Carter Duvalle Elementary School: 3600 Bohne Avenue
* Crosby Middle School: 303 Gatehouse Lane
* Fairdale High School: 1001 Fairdale Road
* Fern Creek High School: 9115 Fern Creek Road
* Iroquois High School: 4615 Taylor Boulevard
* Jeffersontown High School: 9600 Old Six Mile Lane
* Shawnee High School: 4001 Herman Street
* Southern High School: 8620 Preston Highway
* Thomas Jefferson Middle School: 1501 Rangeland Road
* Valley High School: 10200 Dixie Highway
* Western High School: 2501 Rockford Lane

The complete Jefferson County Election Plan is [**here**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/-bZ2ClYkXGikwE0VhGoifTL?domain=lnks.gd).

# Make a plan to vote!

**TARC Offers Fare-Free “Ride to Vote” Service Nov. 3**

If you’re voting or dropping off your ballot on Election Day, November 3, TARC and TARC3 are offering Fare-Free service along regular routes, to help the community get to polling locations and vote. Passengers must adhere to COVID-19 guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing.

Fare-free service will be offered along all TARC routes—including TARC3, helping customers get to and from polling locations.

[**Click here to see the specific TARC routes serving voting locations in Jefferson (KY), Clark (IN), and Floyd (IN) counties.**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/6_-PCmZ08JF6olBgHGyvmg5?domain=lnks.gd)

TARC will also offer a dedicated shuttle from Union Station (1000 W. Broadway) every 30 minutes (beginning at 6 AM) to the Fair & Expo Center voting location.

**How to Ride Fare-Free to the Polls on Election Day- Tuesday, November 3rd:**

* TARC and TARC3 will operate its regular service on all routes on Election Day.
* Fare-Free service will be available to help you get to your polling location.
* You will be able to continue to your final destination on TARC and TARC3 Fare-Free.

**Election Day Information:**

* Polls are open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM local time. If you are in line at 6:00 PM, you will be allowed to vote.

**Download TARC’s mobile app from your app store by searching “TARC”**

Plan your best ride to Vote on Election Day, by entering your selected polling location as your destination.

# COVID-19 at Red, Critical Level in Louisville

Louisville continues to see substantial increases in COVID-19 cases and is currently at the “red”, “critical,” alert level. Cases remain in every zip code with higher numbers in west and south Louisville. As community spread increases, it’s particularly important to wash hands, wear face coverings, social distance, and avoid situations where that is not possible. Suggestions for a safe Halloween are [here](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/cv19halloweenonepager.pdf).

The color-coded classification system indicates how prevalent the virus is in a particular community and the likelihood a person in that community will be infected. A community enters the “critical” category when it has more than 25 cases per 100,000 people. Currently, Jefferson County has over 34 cases per 100,000 residents.

During an online briefing this week, Metro Health and Wellness Director, Dr. Sarah Moyer, reported that the largest increase in cases is among young people between 15 and 34 years old and the most common symptom that people are reporting is headache. “Keep in mind that if you have a new headache that you've never had before, if you have a new cough, a fever, runny nose, anything different, please consider getting COVID tested," Dr. Moyer advises.

For the latest information on the city's response to COVID-19, including information on testing, click [**here**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/x0fzCwpy2WuP7YgjTq14dWD?domain=lnks.gd).

The LOU HEALTH HELPLINE is a great resource to call if:

* you've recently tested positive and aren't sure what to do
* you're experiencing symptoms and want to know what to do
* you think you've been exposed to COVID-19
* you have questions about how to safely isolate or quarantine

Don't hesitate to call the helpline at (502) 912-8598.

To subscribe to email updates from the Department of Public Health and Wellness, please click [**here**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/o3BpCxkz8XfByrPltvWe7EO?domain=lnks.gd).

# DST Ends – Let’s Turn on the Lights

This Sunday, November 1, marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. You’ll need to turn back clocks, and reset things like lighting timers, thermostats and security systems. It’s also a great time to check all smoke alarms.

The time change will bring more light to your morning, but now the evenings will get darker earlier. This is a perfect opportunity to look at all streetlights in your area and report outages!

Streetlight outages are reported directly to LG&E. You can report them online at [**https://lge-ku.com/outages/report/streetlight**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/dZIwCJ6Kz5sKPE6muZumfZ?domain=lnks.gd), or you can contact my office to report them at 574-1109 or email [**Bill Hollander**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/qLNsCKr7z4h405XvIx1xUD?domain=lnks.gd). If you email my office, please include the nearest address and description of the issue. Repairs are made by LG&E within seven days. If the repair hasn’t occurred within seven days, please contact me, since there might be a larger electric issue to report for the light.

My office is working to track all D9 streetlight outages and get repairs made.  If you report an outage over the next few weeks, please send an email to my office so we know the report has been made. Let’s see how many lights we can turn back on by the end of 2020!

One more thing. LMPD advises everyone to illuminate their property at night. Leave outside lights on, check lights regularly and replace burnt out bulbs.

**District 9 LINKS**

* [www.district9news.wordpress.com](http://www.district9news.wordpress.com)
* <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/district9>

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