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**Governor Beshear Announces Opening of New Regional Driver Licensing Office in Lexington**

*Limited service opening offers online appointment scheduler for Kentuckians to apply for REAL ID-compliant licenses, ID cards*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 30, 2020)** – Gov. Andy Beshear today announced the opening of a new Regional Driver Licensing Office in Lexington to further expand access to REAL ID-compliant licenses and identification cards for Kentucky residents.

The office is the latest in a network of regional offices operated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Unlike other KYTC regional driver licensing offices that operate alongside local Circuit Court Clerk offices, the Lexington office will serve as the only in-person driver licensing application site in Fayette County. This means that, in addition to those seeking REAL ID's, all Fayette County residents who need standard driver's licenses, permits and ID cards, or renewals, will apply at the new regional office moving forward.

"The opening of the Lexington office is a giant step in our successful reopening plan to safely restore access to government operations that serve Kentuckians," Gov. Andy Beshear. "Located in the second-most populated city, the gradual expansion of services at this new office will address the most in demand needs for Kentuckians who rely on these trusted credentials for travel and business needs."

Services at KYTC's Lexington office will be limited at first. Residents can obtain the following:

- Replacement of a lost license, permit or identification card;
- License or personal ID card needed for employment;
- New resident replacing a valid out-of-state credential;
- License for new applicant who has successfully completed Kentucky State Police driver testing; and
- Renewal of a credential that expired before March 18, 2020, when license and permit expiration dates were automatically extended for 90 days by emergency order.
- Cardholders whose licenses expire in the month of July 2020.

The two Fayette Circuit Court Clerk's driver licensing offices in Lexington – located on Keithshire Boulevard and Winchester Road- have closed. They served as the former issuance locations for all standard driver's

licenses and ID requests by Fayette County residents. The Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk office is still accepting license renewals requests by mail through July 31, 2020 to those who qualify. Learn more [here](#).

Over the next two years, driver's license and personal ID issuance across Kentucky will gradually shift from circuit court clerks offices as the issuance sites to KYTC regional driver licensing offices as a result of House Bill 453 passed during the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly.

The new KYTC office is located at 141 Leestown Center Way, Suite 125. There is easy access on and off New Circle Road and ample free parking. The office will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. (except Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day). Customers are encouraged to make an appointment, which can be done online [here](#). Walk-in customers also will be served.

**“We pride ourselves on providing excellent customer service and look forward to serving the people of central Kentucky,” KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. “It also is important that we expand access to REAL ID-compliant licenses and ID cards in advance of the federal deadline that will make them a near necessity for air travel and access to federal installations.”**

While Kentucky will continue offering the option of a standard driver's license, a form of REAL ID will be needed as of Oct. 1, 2021, for passing through airport security and boarding a U.S. commercial flight, visiting a military base or accessing a federal building or facility that requires verified identification. More information is available at [realidky.com](http://realidky.com).

To maintain the safest possible environment, employees of the office will adhere to Gov. Beshear's Healthy at Work standards, which include wearing a mask, and customers will be asked to do the same. Social distancing will be observed. Surfaces will be cleaned and touch pad equipment sanitized after each use. A video explaining the new Healthy at Work procedures is available [here](#).

Keep up with information from Gov. Andy Beshear and his administration about the COVID-19 pandemic at [governor.ky.gov](http://governor.ky.gov), [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov) and on the Governor's official social media accounts [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).



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