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	Owenton-Smith House.....	12:10 p.m.
Tuesday:	Lexington Sunrise-Shriners Hospital.....	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Galvin's on Main (Downtown) ...	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Methodist	12:00 noon
Thursday:	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House.....	12:10 p.m.

**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
 Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel
 From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.**

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Reminder – Weekly Meetings Suspended

The Rotary Board has voted to now suspend weekly meetings tentatively until May 6, as well as the Rotary International Dinner scheduled for April 23. The decision was based on consideration of the rapidly changing situation involving the COVID-19 virus; COVID-19 related Federal, state and local actions, requirements and guidelines; and, most importantly, the Board's desire to consider and respect the safety and health of our members as well as their families.

“We will get through this. We will get through this together.”

– KENTUCKY GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR

Gov. Beshear Launches ‘Healthy at Work’ for Safe Reopening of Economy

Initiative aims to give workers and employers tools to restart business safely when time is right

FRANKFORT (April 21, 2020) - Gov. Andy Beshear on Tuesday announced the launch of “Healthy at Work,” a new initiative to help Kentucky businesses reopen safely as we fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).



Gov. Beshear

The Governor has urged all Kentuckians to remain Healthy at Home, following federal and state guidelines on social distancing and limiting contacts. However, Kentucky families and businesses also must prepare for the day when we begin to reopen our economy.

“We want to make sure that when we hit that mark, knowing that we may only know five days in, that we’re ready and that when it is safe to do something, we can immediately start doing it,” the Governor said.

But he warned against opening up too soon.

“When we look at the long-term reopening of the economy, we do it by not being foolish or making risky decisions,” Gov. Beshear said. “It’s how we come out of this strong.”

[Healthy at Work](#) offers a phased approach to reopening Kentucky’s economy. It is based on criteria set by public health experts and advice from industry experts.

“This is going to be a dialogue with your business, your trade associations, employee groups,” said La Tasha Buckner, the Governor’s chief of staff and general counsel. “We’re all going to be working on this. We want to make sure we’re doing this the best way and not the quickest way.”

Phase 1 is a state-readiness evaluation. Phase 2 is an individual business-readiness

evaluation. This approach will ensure the commonwealth’s citizens can safely return to work while still protecting the most vulnerable Kentuckians.

During Phase 1 of Healthy at Work, the Kentucky Department for Public Health will determine whether Kentucky has met certain public health benchmarks for reopening Kentucky’s economy. These benchmarks closely follow the [White House’s Guidelines for Reopening America](#).

During Phase 2 of Healthy at Work, the Department for Public Health will evaluate individual businesses’ ability to safely reopen.

“Our new normal is not going to be the old normal,” Gov. Beshear said. “Every plan has to be really different from what regular operations looked like before.”

Among other things, each business proposal is required to explain its ability to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to employees, adequate access to hand sanitizer and disinfectant, and minimal direct contact between employees and the public.

“Doing this right is about safety. That’s our number one concern,” the Governor said. “It’s also the right thing for the economy. Avoiding a second spike will restore our economy faster.”

PPE update

Gov. Beshear also offered an update on the levels of PPE available in the commonwealth.

Tune to your local news channel or visit the Governor’s Facebook page daily at 5 p.m. to watch a daily news conference

He praised all of the individuals who have answered the call and donated these essential items for our health care workers.

“In the last week, we have more gloves, surgical masks, face shields, respirator masks and coveralls,” the Governor announced.

Among the PPE items where Kentucky has seen growth in inventories, Gov. Beshear reported the state has on-hand about 1.5 million surgical masks, 365,000 N95 masks, 930,000 KN95 masks, 446,000 face shields, 4.5 million gloves and 37,000 gowns. All areas showed improved stocks over the past couple of weeks.

“This wouldn’t happen two weeks ago,” the Governor said of the boost in available PPE. “These gains were not possible two weeks ago.”

Drive-through testing

Gov. Beshear continues to urge people to sign up for testing at four recently announced new drive-through testing sites in and around the communities of Madisonville, Paducah, Somerset and Pikeville.

Those seeking to obtain a test can get location and registration details at [The Little Clinic website](#).

The Governor also announced another drive-through screening site in Christian County. The local health department is partnering with the Kentucky Department for Public Health to provide tests Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Tie Breaker Park. People wishing to sign up for testing should contact the Christian County Health Department.

Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, said the testing capacity still needs to be increased.

“Right now, the testing capacity is only one-third or one-fourth of where we need to be.”