

<u>Incident Name:</u> COVID-19 Public Health Response	End of Day Summary- Public Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Summary 10/14/2020	<u>Incident Start:</u> March 6, 2020
<u>Agency Reporting:</u> Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services	<u>Incident Commander:</u> Stephanie Browning, Director Scott Clardy, Assistant Director	<u>Prepared By:</u> Rebecca Estes, Senior Planner Chrystal Smart, EPHS
Summarized Operational Time Period:	8:00 AM on 10/14/2020 to 5:00 PM on 10/14/2020	

Incident Definition: Response to emerging Novel Corona Virus, now known as COVID-19. This includes-

- Addressing general public concerns regarding COVID-19
- Providing guidance to stakeholders regarding COVID-19
- Provide surveillance of COVID-19 in community
- Provide case investigation and contact tracing for instances of COVID 19.

Summary of COVID Cases

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 395
Deaths: 2,420	Released from Isolation: 4,991
Total: 148,679	Deaths: 13
	Total: 5,399

Statistic Charts can be found at:

<http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>

Operations Report

Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Staff visited a venue for assistance in the development of an operational plan to meet social distancing and public health order requirements.
- Held a phone call with a fraternity organization regarding the need for new/updated reminders about the importance of masks and social distancing in communal housing settings.
- Reconciled number of referrals made to Family Health Center with number of patients who reached out to Family Health Center to start process to become a new patient.
- PHHS leadership met with other Missouri metro area health departments via conference call discussing vaccine information, struggles with communities beginning to show quarantine fatigue, and school nurse concerns with antigen testing in the school setting.
- PHHS leadership reviewed recommendations from White House report regarding university students.
- PHHS staff met with State Health regarding supplies being stored at PHHS for future state supported testing sites.
- Received supplies to ensure sanitization efforts in the building.
- Reached out to employers with employees in isolation regarding need to assist in contact tracing.
- PHHS staff visited Sturgeon high school for basketball gym walkthrough in regards to player and spectator safety plan for social distancing.
- Staff met with City Community Relations.
- Environmental health staff responded to city and county complaints and inquiries regarding compliance with public health order.
- Environmental Health and Information and Guidance worked to provide guidance regarding events and operational plans.
- Environmental Health reviewed 2 commercial plans.
- Staff returned emails to health@como.gcom
- Explored electronic redaction for MUHC bills for CARES Act funding.
- Staff worked on living arrangements for an individual while they are in isolation.

- Corresponded to process immediate needs of individuals in isolation or quarantine.
- Worked through MUHC bill for accuracy.
- Staff listened into Governor's press briefing regarding Missouri's COVID vaccination plan.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

Media Briefing

COVID-19 News

- [Melania Trump reveals son Barron Trump has tested positive for COVID-19\](#)
- [Sleepless Nights, Hair Loss, And Cracked Teeth: Pandemic Stress Takes Its Toll](#)
- [Americans are Dying In the Pandemic At Rates Far Higher Than IN Other Countries](#)
- [Study: Health systems, government responses linked to virus tolls](#)
- [WHO abandons past support for lockdowns, now says stay at home orders double poverty](#)
- [False positives raise concerns on some COVID tests](#)

Local Media

Tribune- [Missouri outsources contact tracing in coronavirus battle](#)

KRCG- [US wholesale prices up 0.4% in September as food costs surge](#)

Missourian- [Curbside libraries restore in-person connections at CPS elementary schools](#)

[Boo! Columbia Public Library to hold jack-o'-lantern drive-by for families](#)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: Columbia College announces virtual ceremony for December graduation](#)

[CPS students wanting to switch to all-virtual learning must get on waiting list](#)

[Marshall Public Schools return to in-person learning](#)

[Pfizer to start testing their COVID-19 vaccine in children as young as 12](#)

KMIZ- [CMCA launches Boone cares utility assistance program](#)

[Wednesday Updates: Mid-Missouri positivity rate COVID-19 test rate near 14 percent](#)

[Some Columbia Public School teachers prepare for the switch to in-person learning](#)

[Cole County to grant Jefferson City \\$900,000 in CARES Act funds, asking for top priorities](#)

[Failing grades increase as CPS students learn online](#)

Local Chatter

- Concerns with CPS returning to in-person learning for elementary students with no plans for social distancing
- Worry about the rise of cases in Springfield, Missouri and wondering if that will carry over to Boone County
- Questions about where to receive a COVID antibody test

Situation Summary:

COVID 19 has reached global transmission.

- Risk Assessment for travel:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- All 50 states, The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands have reported cases of COVID-19.
- 27 states report more than 40,000 cases of COVID-19
- For case information by state follow this link:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html#reporting-cases>

CDC has begun recommending all individuals wear facemasks to reduce the chance of transmission while out in public as of 4/3/2020. Children under the age of 2 should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

More than half of the states in the United States have issued state wide mask mandates.

The CDC has updated guidance to change when isolation should end for a positive case of COVID 19, now reflecting one day free of fever and an improvement in symptoms. Isolation should end 10 days after symptoms have started. Links for this updated guidance can be found:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

US travelers are banned from visiting: EU, Bahamas, China, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Japan

At Risk Population: Older Adults (60 years of age or older), People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and People with Chronic Health Conditions (Heart Disease, Lung Disease or Asthma, Diabetes, People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment, or people who are severely obese)

State Information:

Missouri Governor Parson declared a State Emergency on March 13, 2020 to make state resources available to local jurisdictions and activate certain authorities.

- A total 148,679 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 2,420 of those cases have died.
- A list of cases reported by county can be found The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services operates a website reporting reported cases of COVID 19 in Missouri at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>

Missouri's Governor Announced that on June 22 all stay all state restrictions will be lifted, but social distancing is still recommended:

<https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-announces-missouri-will-fully-reopen-enter-phase-2-recovery>

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released updated guidance regarding COVID 19 mitigation in schools on September 4, 2020.

- <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/updated-joint-guidance-regarding-mitigation-in-schools.pdf>

State Lab COVID 19 Testing:

- State Criteria for Testing Approval: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.pdf>
- Additional classifications for Missouri State Public Health Lab testing: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/covid-19-testing-expanded-for-lphas.pdf>

MoDHSS hotline staffed by medical professionals: 877-435-8411

City/County Information:

On March 16, 2020 the City of Columbia declared a state of emergency within the city to respond to COVID-19. The resolution includes calling for proactive measures to protect the

public health, safety and welfare; expressing support for and calling upon City Manager John Glascock and Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning to enact regulations to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

- Columbia/Boone County hosts an information hub on COVID Cases that have been identified in the county, as well as information about the catchment area cases that the hospitals serve
- <http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6>
- There are 5,399 confirmed cases in Boone County, 13 patients passed away, and 4,991 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County issued revised Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on September 18 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on October 6, they can be found at:

City:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/Health-Order-2020-12-City-of-Columbia-10-1-20.pdf>

County:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/health-order-2020-12C-Boone-County-10-1-20.pdf>

Columbia City Council Passed Mask Ordinance that will go into effect at 5:00 PM on July 10, 2020. It can be found:

<https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/B168-20A-AKA-Face-Mask-Ordinance.pdf>

Boone County Office of Emergency Management opened a virtual EOC on 3/17/2020 to facilitate the coordination of efforts and resources to keep Boone County safe during COVID-19 response efforts.

Columbia Public Schools updated their start date for the 2020/2021 school year to begin after Labor Day.

The City of Columbia Neighborhood Services, in their role as Volunteer Coordination of the Boone Emergency Response Plan, has activated a COVID 19 Volunteer webpage, it can be found here: <https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/>

The City of Columbia has a dedicated webpage that provides a summary of City of Columbia services as they related to COVID-19 and it can be found here <https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/>

Received waiver from FDA for non-congregate feeding sites, this allows Columbia Public Schools and other children feeding programs to provide meals to children throughout the summer.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/covid-19/non-congregate-feeding-nationwide-waiver-extension>

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has activated a COVID-19 Get Help webpage website to list key human services resources needed during the pandemic: COVID-19 Get Help (<https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/>).

As ESF-6 lead, City of Columbia Division of Human Services has organized five local funders (City, County, United Way, Community Foundation, and VU Foundation) in a collaborative called ComoHelps (<http://comohelps.org>). Through this collaborative we have consolidated financial donations for the COVID-19 response. Financial contributions are being routed to the Heart of Missouri United Way and the Community Foundation of Central Missouri. Nonprofit and governmental volunteer needs are posted, along with the opportunity for community members to sign up as unaffiliated volunteers for assignment as needed.

ComoHelps also developed a single, joint application for nonprofits to submit requests for funding. This expedites access to support for nonprofits and allows us to coordinate funding used in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ComoHelps collaborative meets daily to review and prioritize requests and to allocate funding. The current focus is on funding services being provided in response to COVID-19. Requests for nonprofit sustainability are being referred to federal CARES Act programs and tabled for later consideration. Because this funding collaborative is so unique, ComoHelps have received grants from state and national foundations.

The University of Missouri hosts a walk up clinic for COVID 19 testing to its MU Students beginning 8/24/2020.

MU Healthcare hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site located at 115 Business Loop 70 W. The site hours of operation to Mon-Fri 8 AM to 7 PM, Saturday 8 AM to Noon, and closed on Sundays.

Boone Hospital hosts a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. This site's hours of operation are Mon-Fri 8 AM-4:30 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM to Noon, closed on Sundays.