

<u>Incident Name:</u>  COVID-19 Public Health Response	<b>End of Day Summary- Public</b>  Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Summary <b>11/20/2020</b>	<u>Incident Start:</u>  March 6, 2020
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Summarized Operational Time Period:	8:00 AM on 11/20/2020 to 5:00 PM on 11/20/2020	

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.

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#### **Summary of COVID Cases**

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 1,152
Deaths: 3,537	Released from Isolation: 7,906
Total: 262,436	Deaths: 23
	Total: 9,081

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

## **Operations Report**

### Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Provided media interviews to KMIZ, KRCG, and KOMU.
- Drafted a grant work plan to include response expenses for next calendar year.
- Continuing to deliver groceries and other essential items to individuals in isolation and quarantine.
- Met with Ashland leadership to discuss Ashland First Responder COVID 19 safety plans.
- Ordered more mailing supplies for isolation/quarantine letters.
- Returned emails that came into [health@como.gov](mailto:health@como.gov).
- Provided PHHS leadership with supply estimates.
- Reviewed plans for sporting events.
- Shared letter template for future mailings.
- Reached out to local businesses to provide education after receiving either a violation complaint or having multiple staff test positive for COVID 19.
- Environmental Health and Business Guidance collaborated regarding upcoming events.
- Environmental Health responded to and assigned staff to city/county complaints and inquiries.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

## **Media Brief**

### COVID-19 News

- [US seeing unprecedented coronavirus spread, White House says](#)
- [As Pfizer seeks vaccine authorization, Fauci calls to 'double down' on mitigation](#)
- [COVID-19 Dashboard drops state's calculation of 7-day positivity rate, only shows CDC's](#)
- [Beware of scammers who offer big bucks to get you in a COVID vaccine trial](#)
- [WH disputes concerns about getting vaccine out](#)
- [Midwest health system CEO says he had virus, won't wear mask](#)

- [As governors roll out new restrictions, Biden and Pence each rule out national lockdowns](#)
- [Daily COVID deaths reach highest level since May](#)
- [Health experts clash over use of certain drugs for COVID-19](#)
- [Coronavirus FAQ: How Safe Is It To Work Out in a Gym or Play Indoor Sports?](#)
- [WHO Trial Finds Remdesivir Has 'No Meaningful Effect' In COVID-19 Patients](#)

## **Local Media**

Tribune- [Utilities offer help to Missourians behind on bills](#)

[More schools go online amid COVID spike](#)

KRCG- [Gov. Parson will not be limiting gathering sizes this holiday season](#)

[Boys and Girls Club continues serving children despite pandemic related challenges](#)

[Soup kitchen sees high demand as pandemic continues to put people out of work](#)

Missourian- [Housing assistance top priority for federal COVID-19 relief money, survey shows](#)

[Boone County reaches 23 COVID-19 deaths, sees 212 new cases](#)

KOMU- [Friday COVID-19 Coverage: SSM St. Mary's hospitals further restrict visitor guidelines](#)

[Missouri hospitals work to prevent COVID-19 burnout from their nurses, doctors](#)

[COVID-19: Avoiding household spread](#)

KMIZ- [Friday Updates: Audrain County issues mask advisory to stop the spread of COVID-19](#)

[Multiple COVID-19 vaccines could be available soon, each still needs to be approved](#)

[Missouri plans to roll out coronavirus vaccine in phases](#)

[Columbia event space cited by the health department for COVID-19 order violations](#)

## **Local Chatter**

- Frustration with the amount of businesses that have violated health orders
- Sharing ideas of what to do on Thanksgiving/what to make for families that are choosing to stay safe

### **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

Trump Administration announced it will partner with CVS and Walgreens to deliver safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines to one of our most vulnerable populations in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) across America.

Adults of any age with the following conditions are at increase risk for more severe illness from COVID-19

- Cancer, Chronic kidney, COPD, Heart conditions, Immunocompromised state, Obese, Severely Obese, Sickle cell disease, Smoking, Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Adults of any age with the following conditions might be at risk for more severe illness from COVID 19.

- Asthma, Cerebrovascular disease, Cystic fibrosis, Hypertension, Immunocompromised state, Neurologic conditions, Liver Disease, Overweight, Pregnancy, Pulmonary fibrosis, Thalassemia, Type 1 diabetes mellitus

#### **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. On November 19, 2020 the State of Emergency was extended until March 2021.

- Executive Order extending State of Emergency  
<https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-signs-executive-order-20-19-extending-state-emergency>
- A total 262,436 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 3,537 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>

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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>

Missouri Governor shared updated information about Department of Elementary and Secondary Education with Department of Health and Senior Services allowing contacts to attend school while in quarantine if both the case and the contact were wearing masks starting November 12, 2020.

- <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-announces-changes-states-k-12-school-quarantine-guidance> HYPERLINK

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services issued a Public Health Emergency for the state and parameters for localities to gauge level of spread in their community on November 19, 2020

- <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/advisory-20201119.pdf>

State of Missouri submitted their COVID Vaccine plan to the CDC

- <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/mo-covid-19-vax-plan.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> HYPERLINK
- 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=478880b83d5e4d3> HYPERLINK  
["http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6"5b646d80fe6f2c2f6](http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6)
- There are 9,081 confirmed cases in Boone County, 23 patients passed away, and 7,906 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County extended the Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on November 17 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on December 8, they can be found at:

City- <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/City-Health-Order-2020-15-Final.pdf>

County- <https://www.como.gov/> HYPERLINK  
["https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/County-Health-Order-2020-Final.pdf"](https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/County-Health-Order-2020-Final.pdf)wp-content/uploads/County-Health-Order-2020-Final.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 returned to in seat classes for K-5 on 10/19/2020.

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/>:"<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/>"ov/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/> HYPERLINK  
["https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/"](https://www.como.gov/health/gethelp-coronavirus/)v/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.