

<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>12/22/2020</b>	<u>Incident Start:</u>  March 6, 2020
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Summarized Operational Time Period:	8:00 AM on 12/22/2020 to 5:00 PM on 12/22/2020	

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: 824
Deaths: 5,158	Released from Isolation: 12,040
Total: 370,439	Deaths: 50
	Total: 12,914

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

## **Operations Report**

### Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Received an approved process and forms for Notice of Violation for non-compliance with Public Health Order in the county.
- Sent out New Year's Eve guidance to bars and restaurants.
- Provided a KMIZ media interview regarding holiday travel.
- Working with KRCG regarding influenza.
- Reviewed positive COVID 19 case data in Boone County and found a moderate surge in cases following the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Columbia/Boone County Health and Medical Planning Committee and partners met to discuss vaccine availability in Boone County.
- PHHS and Boone Hospital met to discuss partnering when vaccine becomes available.
- Staff walked through Our Ladies of Lord's Inter-parish School to understand proposed operational plan for a basketball tournament.
- Published a press release regarding COMO helps and how to donate.
- Staff attended DHSS hosted call to update LPHAs.
- Staff attend a vaccine update call hosted by DHSS.
- Staff attended a web call hosted by MHA regarding hospitals and vaccine efforts.
- Environmental Health and Business Guidance reviewed local bar's operational plan.
- Provided update on incurred expenses that were paid from County CARES Act contract.
- Set up process to pay for Meals on Wheels with County CARES money.
- Provided payment to MU healthcare for testing.
- Reviewed 3 COVID commercial building plans.
- Reviewed death certificate state database and local obituaries to check against PHHS COVID 19 cases for COVID 19 related death of a case.
- Returned emails to health@como.gov
- Prepared and mailed notice of isolation letters with education information.

- Reviewed business plans.
- Called businesses to provide education and technical assistance.
- Responded to various emails on a variety of COVID 19 topics.
- Reviewed operational plans for sports.
- Environmental Health responded to and assigned staff to city/county complaints and inquiries.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

### **Media Briefing**

#### **News**

- [Biden says he will push for more stimulus checks in next relief bill](#)
- [Suspicions grow that nanoparticles in Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine trigger allergic reactions](#)
- [Moderna's coronavirus vaccine begins arriving at strained hospitals across the US](#)
- [CDC says new COVID strain in UK could already be circulating undetected in US](#)
- [Pfizer, Moderna testing COVID-19 vaccines against new UK strain](#)

#### **Local News**

- **KOMU** - [Tuesday COVID-19 Coverage: Lake Regional offers vaccinations to local healthcare workers](#)
- **KMIZ** - [Tuesday updates: MU undergraduate students living on campus will be required to get coronavirus tested, Boone County commission plans to allocate CARES act funding before years end, Boone Hospital Center plans to forego Moderna vaccine](#)
- **KRCG** - [Lake Regional joins growing number of local hospitals beginning COVID vaccinations, CVS: 100,000 nursing home vaccinations beginning next week](#)
- **Missourian** - [State approves distribution of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, CVS to start vaccinating residents, staff in long-term care facilities](#)
- **Tribune** - [Health Director: Boone County's virus cases skew older, MU to require COVID tests for students living on campus](#)

#### **Local Chatter**

- Excitement about vaccine, some wondering when they will receive theirs.

### **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 370,439 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 5,158 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> HYPERLINK

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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  
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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>
- 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> HYPERLINK  
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- There are 12,914 confirmed cases in Boone County, 50 patients passed away, and 12,040 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>"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 released an order from Public Health for a Mask Ordinance that went into effect on 11/25/2020 at midnight:

<https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2565>

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/>"://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/>"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.