

<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>12/23/2020</b>	<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 12/23/2020 to 5:00 PM on 12/23/2020	

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: 883
Deaths: 5,255	Released from Isolation: 12,125
Total: 373,580	Deaths: 52
	Total: 13,060

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

## **Operations Report**

### Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Shared Public Health Alert to Boone County residents regarding potential exposure to COVID 19 at a public event.
- Provided media interview to KOMU regarding Public Health Alert.
- Posted COVID 19 Vaccine Q and A on PHHS website.
- PHHS leadership met with hospitals in Boone County leadership regarding joint efforts in vaccine administration for community.
- Reviewed positive COVID 19 case data in Boone County and found a moderate surge in cases following the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Sent email to Executive Director of District regarding New Year's Eve and continued need for social distancing and compliance with the Public Health Order.
- Returned emails to health@como.gov
- PHHS and Boone Hospital met to discuss partnering when vaccine becomes available.
- 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**

### **COVID-19 News**

- [Pfizer to supply US with 100 million additional vaccine doses](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine arrives in mid-Missouri](#)
- [St. Louis hospitals packed as virus cases climb](#)
- [Reversing course, feds say some US inmates get virus vaccine](#)
- [Safety a higher priority than sales for so many small retailers](#)
- [The Coronavirus Has Reached Antarctica. Now It's On Every Continent.](#)
- [Mask Up! How Public Health Messages Collide With Facebook's Political Ads Ban](#)
- [Congress Gets COVID-19 Vaccine, But Members Fight Over Who Should Have Priority](#)
- [Wheels Come Off For Bus Companies, Closing Down Travel Options For Poorer Americans](#)

#### **Local Media**

Tribune- [Confusion delays Clay County vaccine shipments](#)

[Pharmacies pour energy into vaccine preparations](#)

KRCG- [Tech-averse Missouri Senate makes changes because of the virus](#)  
[Healthplex adds pods to workout center](#)

Missourian- [Three people died of COVID-19, bringing county total to 46](#)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: Boone County Health Department warns of COVID-19 exposure at Columbia church](#)

[Multiple COVID-19 testing sites to close for holidays](#)

[How COVID-19 is affecting Missouri's prisons](#)

[Former 'warming' building continues to stay closed this winter](#)

[A BRIGHTER TOMORROW: Finding support for eating disorders amid pandemic](#)

[Inaction leads high risk Missourians cautious about going to the DMV](#)

[Students returning to MU dorms will be required to have a COVID-19 test](#)

KMIZ- [Wednesday Updates: Columbia/Boone County health department warns](#)

[No plans to require coronavirus vaccine in area schools](#)

[Boone County businesses paid fines for COVID-19 violations](#)

[Jefferson City hospitals see small increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations](#)

[Hospitals say first round of vaccinations were successful](#)

[Missouri National Guard to no longer help with community testing](#)

[University of Missouri hoping to gather data by arrival testing for certain students](#)

#### **Local Chatter**

- Concern about the large gatherings that keep occurring in Boone County

#### **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 373,580 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 5,255 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 13,060 confirmed cases in Boone County, 52 patients passed away, and 12,125 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.