

<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>12/30/2020</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 12/30/2020 to 5:00 PM on 12/30/2020	

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: 780
Deaths: 5,491	Released from Isolation: 12,868
Total: 388,856	Deaths: 57
	Total: 13,705

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

## **Operations Report**

### Significant Events from Operational Period:

- PHHS staff listened to Missouri Governor's press briefing regarding COVID vaccine availability and assistance for childcare providers and low income families.
- PHHS placed order for Pfizer vaccine to Missouri Dept of Health and Senior Services.
- Prepared overtime report for COVID 19 funds.
- Requested and received masks for local homeless shelter provider.
- Responded to vaccination inquiries submitted via email.
- Environmental Health and Information and guidance reviewed New Year's Eve operational plans for compliance with social distancing.
- Assess view of entertainment venue for potential compliance enforcement.
- 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 1 COVID commercial building plan.
- Environmental Health responded to and assigned staff to city/county complaints and inquiries.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

## **Media Briefing**

### **COVID-19 News**

- [Man upset with mask request charged with threatening church](#)
- [UK is first to authorize easy-to-handle AstraZeneca vaccine](#)
- [Stimulus payments to Americans are on the way](#)
- [Colorado officials suspect they've found a second case of UK coronavirus variant](#)
- [California Is Overriding Its Limits On Nurse Workloads As COVID-19 Surges](#)
- [Coronavirus Is Canceling New Year's Celebrations](#)
- [Louisiana Congressman-Elect Dies From COVID-19](#)

- [What you need to know about the new coronavirus strain in the US](#)
- [California announces first case of COVID variant](#)
- [Study suggests infections in Wuhan were much higher than originally reported](#)
- [Vaccine rollout hits early roadblock but officials expect a ramp up in January](#)
- [What you need to know about scam COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [World Health Organization expert: COVID-19 pandemic 'not necessarily the big one'](#)

### Local Media

Tribune- [Parson: Missouri vaccine rollout 'going well'](#)

[Missouri hospitals see glimmer of hope in COVID statistics but COVID deaths keep rising](#)

KRCG- [Callaway County administers COVID vaccine for healthcare workers](#)

Missourian- [Parents become therapists for at risk children amid unending pandemic](#)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: Missouri adds 2,761 new cases](#)

[Gov. Parson: 66,000 already received the first dose, announces \\$46 million in child care funding](#)

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

KMIZ- [Wednesday Updates: Boone County reports 57th COVID-related death](#)

[Jefferson City nursing home starts coronavirus vaccinations](#)

[Mid-Missouri prepares for New Years Eve celebrations amid COVID-19](#)

[Boone County Commission passes new round of CARES Act funding](#)

### Local Chatter

- Concern from community members about case surges from the holidays, including NYE

### **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 388,856 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 5,491 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> HYPERLINK  
"<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=478880b83d5e4d3> HYPERLINK  
["http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6"](http://gocolumbiamo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=478880b83d5e4d35b646d80fe6f2c2f6)
- There are 13,705 confirmed cases in Boone County, 57 patients passed away, and 12,868 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 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/>

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/>).  
<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.