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| Incident Name:  COVID-19 Public Health Response | **End of Day Summary- Public**  Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Activity  **08/31/2020** | Incident Start:  March 6, 2020 |
| Agency Reporting:  Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services | Incident Commander:  Stephanie Browning, Director  Scott Clardy, Assistant Director | Prepared By:  Rebecca Estes, Senior Planner  Chrystal Smart, EPHS |
| Summarized Operational Time Period: | 8:00 AM on 08/31/2020 to 5:00 PM on 08/31/2020 | |

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**

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| # of Positive COVID Cases in MO | # of Positive COVID Cases in Boone |
|  | Current: 657 |
| Deaths: 1,450 | Released from Isolation: 1,950 |
| Total: 79,574 | Deaths: 7 |
|  | Total: 2,614 |

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

**Operations Report**

Significant Events from Operational Period:

* Responded/assigned staff to City/County complaints and inquiries.
* Environmental Health and Information and Guidance worked together on providing guidance to businesses about events and operational plans.
* Environmental Health met with State DHSS regarding Child Care/Learning center site opportunities.
* Responded to emails sent to health@como.gov
* Provided stamps to social services who continue to work from home.
* Replenished sanitization supplies for building.
* Implemented new process for MU COVID 19 cases to ensure information is shared quickly via MU secure email.
* Performed site visit at entertainment venue for social distancing.
* Identified and addressed gap in rental halls needing to provide guidance to patrons.
* Provided guidance and clarification to schools and guidance on response after a staff or student tests positive for COVID 19.
* Attend Columbia Public School Board meeting.
* Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
* Continued case and contact investigations.

**Media Briefing**

**COVID-19 News**

* [6 million coronavirus infections now confirmed in US](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/08/31/907847934/6-million-coronavirus-infections-now-confirmed-in-u-s-a-country-in-limbo)
* [Playing The Blame Game: The Uphill Battle To Prevent College Partying](https://www.npr.org/2020/08/31/907756835/preventing-college-parties-shame-and-blame-dont-work-but-beer-pong-outside-might) More empathy for students in college is being advised, and encouragement to recommend small social gatherings outside to prevent spread
* [Why Diseases Bring Out The Worst In Human Nature: Scapegoating Others : Goats and Soda](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/08/29/906225199/why-scapegoating-is-a-typical-human-response-to-a-pandemic)
* [In A Pandemic, Is It Safe To Ride A Bus Or Subway? : Goats and Soda](https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/08/28/907106441/coronavirus-faq-is-it-safe-to-get-on-the-bus-or-subway) No outbreaks have been traced to mass transit thus far, wearing a mask and washing hands thoroughly would make the ride relatively safe
* [A Zoom Thanksgiving? Summer could give way to a bleaker fall](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/zoom-thanksgiving-summer-give-bleaker-fall-72729558) With flu season upcoming and COVID-19 cases rising, health experts are advising to prepare to make holidays virtual this year
* [Getting COVID-19 and the flu at the same time: What are the risks?](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/covid-19-flu-time-risks/story?id=72520950) Getting infected by the flu and coronavirus is possible, but experts are unsure how it will affect the individual. It is for sure known to be dangerous so receiving a flu shot this year is very important
* [One shot of coronavirus vaccine likely won't be enough](https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/30/health/coronavirus-vaccine-two-doses/index.html)

**Local Media**

*Tribune*- [University COVID-19 dashboards offer varied information - News](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200829/university-covid-19-dashboards-offer-varied-information)

[Coronavirus Live Updates](https://www.columbiatribune.com/zz/news/20200831/coronavirus-live-updates-us-surpasses-6-million-cases-new-jersey-to-open-restaurants-fda-could-ok-vaccine-before-testing-is-complete)

*KRCG*- [27 residents and 17 staff test positive at Hermann nursing home, 3 residences dead](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/27-residents-and-17-staff-test-positive-at-hermann-nursing-home-3-residences-dead)

[Possible COVID-19 exposure at Loutre Market](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/possible-covid-19-exposure-at-loutre-market)

[CDC: 94% of Covid-19 deaths had underlying medical conditions](https://krcgtv.com/news/nation-world/cdc-94-of-covid-19-deaths-had-underlying-medical-conditions-08-30-2020)

[Businesses adjusting on the fly to new Boone County health provisions](https://krcgtv.com/news/coronavirus/businesses-adjusting-on-the-fly-to-new-boone-county-health-provisions)

[Local movie theaters face tough reopening amid COVID-19](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/movie-theaters-face-tough-reopening-amid-covid-19)

*Missourian*- [Hospitals prepared for uptick in hospitalizations as cases spike](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/hospitals-prepared-for-uptick-in-hospitalizations-as-cases-spike/article_9e72e558-e958-11ea-93d6-0b24b134e036.html)

[COVID-19 directive deals a blow to businesses](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/covid-19-directive-deals-a-blow-to-businesses/article_49fa39d6-e971-11ea-be9c-c3ca6bae8fbe.html)

[State health director says the state will have COVID-19 test strips before the end of Sept.](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/state-health-director-says-state-will-have-covid-19-test-strips-before-end-of-sept/article_0fd62ebe-e966-11ea-8d23-0393c9fe9c22.html)

[Police trying to educate about — rather than enforce — crowd size limits](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/police-trying-to-educate-about-rather-than-enforce-crowd-size-limits/article_e9ad45fc-e8b5-11ea-9167-07a7e82b97b5.html)

*KOMU*- [Timeline: How CPS' plan to return to school has taken shape](https://www.komu.com/news/timeline-how-cps-plan-to-return-to-school-has-taken-shape)

[Off-campus MU students face limited options to quarantine](https://www.komu.com/news/off-campus-mu-students-face-limited-options-to-quarantine)

[Monday COVID-19 Coverage: MU reports 415 active student cases of COVID-19](https://www.komu.com/news/monday-covid-19-coverage-mu-reports-415-active-student-cases-of-covid-19)

[25 residents at Hermann senior care facility test positive for COVID-19](https://www.komu.com/news/25-residents-at-hermann-senior-care-facility-test-positive-for-covid-19)

*KMIZ*- [MONDAY UPDATES: Missouri positivity rate rises despite fewest daily COVID-19 cases in a week](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/08/31/monday-updates-missouri-positivity-rate-rises-despite-fewest-daily-covid-19-cases-in-a-week/)

[University of Missouri promises daily COVID-19 updates; petitioners call for more data](https://abc17news.com/news/education/university-of-missouri/2020/08/31/university-of-missouri-promises-daily-covid-19-updates-petitioners-call-for-more-data/)

**Local Chatter**

* Continued concern with rising cases each day and record highs
* Adjustments and complaints with new guidelines for bars and restaurants
* Talks about what would be included in a COVID-19 care package for someone to send

**Situation Summary**:

COVID 19 has reached global transmission.

* Risk Assessment for travel: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html)

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 79,574 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 1,450 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 guidance for re-opening schools for the upcoming school year to start this fall:

* <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/news-releases/dhss-and-dese-address-frequently-asked-questions-about-school-reopening>

State Lab COVID 19 Testing: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.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 2,614 confirmed cases in Boone County, 7 patients passed away, and 1,950 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County issued revised Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on August 28 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on August September 17, they can be found at:

* City Order: <https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2510>
* County Order <https://www.como.gov/CMS/pressreleases/downloadfile.php?id=2511>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 HYPERLINK "https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/"://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.g HYPERLINK "https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/"ov/coronavirus/](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](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.