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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  **09/11/2020** | 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 09/11/2020 to 5:00 PM on 09/11/2020 | |

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: 863 |
| Deaths: 1,701 | Released from Isolation: 2,860 |
| Total: 99,160 | Deaths: 7 |
|  | Total: 3,730 |

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

**Operations Report**

Significant Events from Operational Period:

* Met with Centralia Schools about athletic plans.
* Provided feedback to Columbia College regarding their cross country meet plans.
* Reviewed operational plans for events requesting exemptions from the Public Health Order.
* Performed compliance inspection at a venue that has received multiple complaints about violation of Public Health Order.
* Provided 6 media interviews.
* Staff met with MU Student Health regarding positive cases in the MU student population.
* Staff participated in MU Incident Command meeting.
* Updated council bill request to amend the amounts allocated from County CARES funding.
* Received equipment for remote work staff.
* Coordinated with Missouri National Guard and Missouri DHSS regarding upcoming community testing clinic.
* Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
* Continued case and contact investigations.

**Daily Media Briefing:**

COVID-19 News

* [Hangover from Alcohol Boom could last long after Pandemic](https://www.npr.org/2020/09/11/908773533/hangover-from-alcohol-boom-could-last-long-after-pandemic-ends) Alcohol consumption has risen, Doctors express concern with frequent consumption on individuals health
* [Dining at restaurants linked with increased COVID-19 transmission: CDC says](https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Food/dining-restaurants-linked-increased-covid-19-transmission-cdc/story?id=72945843) People who tested positive were two times more likely to have eaten at a restaurant in the previous two weeks
* [15% of college athletes showed signs of heart damage after COVID-19.](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/15-college-athletes-showed-signs-heart-damage-covid/story?id=72931050) 15% showed signs of myocarditis
* [Pandemics worst impacts on poverty yet to come: UN expert](https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/expert-pandemics-worst-impacts-poverty-72944523)
* [More Groceries, Less Gas: The Pandemic is Shaking Up the Cost of Living](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/11/911880715/more-groceries-less-gas-the-pandemic-is-shaking-up-the-cost-of-living)
* [Coronavirus may disrupt lives until the end of 2021](https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/11/health/fauci-normal-life-2021/index.html) Dr. Fauci thinks that it will be fully safe to return to normalcy by the end of next year, depending on the vaccine timeline and distribution

Local Media

Tribune- [Branson, Missouri extends mask mandate](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200910/branson-extends-mask-mandate-despite-claims-of-mask-induced-death-and-hallucination)

KRCG- [Daily US deaths decline, but trend may reverse in fall](https://krcgtv.com/news/nation-world/daily-us-virus-deaths-decline-but-trend-may-reverse-in-fall-09-11-2020)

[Return of football renews fear over more virus spread](https://krcgtv.com/news/nation-world/return-of-football-renews-fears-over-more-virus-spread)

Missourian- [MU says there's still plenty of quarantine housing for students](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/higher_education/mu-says-theres-still-plenty-of-quarantine-housing-for-students/article_c7df2bca-f2f1-11ea-ad02-0732fc3b89d4.html)

[Why won't some people wear masks?](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/why-wont-some-people-wear-masks-its-about-social-norms-and-threat-perception/article_c74d6c08-f2a6-11ea-8032-d31468229f85.html)

KOMU- [Friday COVID-19 Coverage: Boone County will not calculate positivity rate](https://www.komu.com/news/friday-covid-19-coverage-boone-county-will-not-calculate-positivity-rate)

[DATA: Tracking COVID-19 by mid-Missouri counties](https://www.komu.com/news/data-tracking-covid-19-by-mid-missouri-counties)

[MU addressing quarantine housing concerns](https://www.komu.com/news/mu-addressing-quarantine-housing-complaints-from-students)

[Compass Health Network offering free COVID-19 testing on September 23rd, registration opens on September 14th](https://www.komu.com/news/compass-health-network-holds-free-covid-19-testing-event)

KMIZ- [No individuals charged with violations of Columbia mask ordinance](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/11/no-individuals-charged-with-violations-of-columbia-covid-19-mask-ordinance/)

[Columbia/Boone County Health Department considers expanding age data, texting positive cases](https://abc17news.com/news/columbia/2020/09/10/columbia-boone-county-health-department-considers-expanding-age-data-texting-positive-cases/)

[Free COVID-19 testing heading to Columbia](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/11/free-covid-19-testing-heading-to-columbia/)

[Friday Updates: Boone County Health Department not updating COVID-19 positivity rate for second week in a row](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/11/boone-county-health-department-not-updating-covid-19-positivity-rate-for-second-week-in-row/)

[Students admit frustration after University of Missouri updates mask policy](https://abc17news.com/news/2020/09/10/students-admit-frustration-after-university-of-missouri-updates-mask-policy/)

Local Chatter

* Discussion about where to receive COVID tests
* Post about CDC investigating effectiveness of gaiters and face shields as masks

**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 99,160 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 1,701 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 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>

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>
* There are 3,730 confirmed cases in Boone County, 7 patients passed away, and 2,860 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://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/"://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/](https://www.como.gov/volunteer/covid/%22://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/](https://www.como.gov/coronavirus/%22ov/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 and at the Softball fields on MU Campus. 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.