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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  **09/16/2020** | 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 09/16/2020 to 5:00 PM on 09/16/2020 | |

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: 518 |
| Deaths: 1,739 | Released from Isolation: 3,531 |
| Total: 106,587 | Deaths: 7 |
|  | Total: 4,056 |

**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 met regarding texting vendor and programmatic benefits for contact tracing/case investigation.
* Epi and Disease containment investigated COVID exposure in a local child care.
* Epi and Disease containment worked with Medical Services Coordination unit to provide isolation for two individuals who are positive COVID cases needing isolation assistance and other social service assistance.
* Environmental Health unit and Social Services unit met with other city departments regarding implementing child care offering for city employees whose children are in remote school due to COVID.
* Social Services staff received information that food pantry is reopened following a closure in response to a COVID exposure.
* Information and Guidance unit worked on managing phone inquires from public regarding potential contact to cases.
* Information and Guidance interviewed health educator candidates for CARES act funding positions.
* Information and Guidance unit met with Parks and Recreation about events being hosted by their department or hosted on their sites.
* Staff provided a media interview to a Kansas City based newspaper.
* PHHS leadership met with other municipalities regarding COVID response.
* Met with Columbia Tribune regarding discrepancy between State data and Boone County data.
* PHHS staff met with community relations and IT about chat bot feature for como.gov and decided that PHHS could not support it, but learned Community Relations and IT will for overall city purposes.
* PHHS leadership met with legal about finalizing language for upcoming Public Health Order.
* PHHS leadership met with City of Ashland staff regarding social distancing and impacts on community events and festivals.
* Returned emails to [health@como.gov](mailto:health@como.gov)
* Received access and registered for portal to County billing in regards to CARES Act funding.
* Received information from hiring supervisors who have CARES Act funded positions.
* Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
* Continued case and contact investigations.

**Daily Media Briefing:**

COVID-19 News

* [WHO announces distribution plan for COVID-19 vaccine](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/world-health-organization-announces-distribution-plan-covid-19/story?id=73031332)
* [Coronavirus news: US records highest daily death toll in weeks](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/live-updates/coronavirus/?id=73042312)
* [How fit and placement influence effectiveness of face masks](https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Wellness/fit-placement-influence-effectiveness-face-masks/story?id=73001599) Covering nose and mouth is the only effective method in mask wearing that prevents the most droplet spreading
* [What are the different types of coronavirus tests?](https://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/wireStory/types-coronavirus-tests-73014971)
* [CDC Director says COVID-19 vaccine likely won't be widely available until next year](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/16/913560563/cdc-director-says-covid-vaccine-likely-wont-be-widely-available-until-next-year)
* [Minority homes bear financial strain amid COVID-19 pandemic](https://abcnews.go.com/Business/minority-homes-bear-financial-strain-amid-covid-19/story?id=73025891)
* [Majority of children who die from COVID-19 are children of color](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/16/913365560/the-majority-of-children-who-die-from-covid-19-are-children-of-color)
* [As schools spend big on temperature check tech, experts warn: They won't work](https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/schools-spend-big-temperature-check-tech-experts-warn-they-won-n1240246?icid=cv_marquee) Fever screening only works if one has a fever, and many children/adults are asymptomatic or take several days to develop one

Local Media

Tribune- [Boone County reveals COVID data inconsistencies; Missouri case climb continues](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200915/boone-county-reveals-covid-data-inconsistencies-missouri-case-climb-continues)

[2 University of Missouri students expelled, 3 suspended for violating COVID-19 rules](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200915/2-university-of-missouri-students-expelled-3-suspended-for-violating-covid-19-rules)

[Lack of antigen testing leaves country blind to Pandemic](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200916/lack-of-antigen-test-reporting-leaves-country-lsquoblind-to-pandemicrsquo)

KRCG- [Due to reporting error Boone County positivity rates were incorrect, officials say](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/boone-county-positivity-rates-were-incorrect-between-may-and-september)

[Mizzou expels two students, suspends three for violating virus guidelines](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/mizzou-expels-two-students-suspends-three-for-violating-virus-guidelines)

[Macon Schools respond to district-wide virus outbreak, 286 students quarantined](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/macon-schools-respond-to-district-wide-virus-outbreak-286-students-quarantined)

[US outlines sweeping plan to provide free COVID-19 vaccines](https://krcgtv.com/news/nation-world/feds-outline-sweeping-plan-to-provide-free-covid-19-vaccine-09-16-2020)

Missourian- [Avoidance of doctors during pandemic could have dire consequences](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/avoidance-of-doctors-during-pandemic-could-have-dire-consequences/article_f11fc358-e73b-11ea-8d9d-2f732e83027e.html)

[Corrected data shows Boone County positivity rate is 24.1%](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/corrected-data-show-boone-county-positivity-rate-is-24-1/article_84cf905c-f78f-11ea-a125-77b5812ec301.html)

[Choi stands firm on UM system's COVID-19 response](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/choi-stands-firm-on-um-systems-covid-19-response/article_f1b92592-f78b-11ea-a66f-c77306869142.html)

[What are the different types of coronavirus tests?](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/covid19/what-are-the-different-types-of-coronavirus-tests/article_a6bf13b9-008d-527d-8420-8f389d48a6bc.html)

KOMU- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: Saline County reports 10th death](https://www.komu.com/news/wednesday-covid-19-coverage-saline-county-reports-10th-death)

[Hershey's new website maps out how to trick-or-treat safely across the United States](https://www.komu.com/news/hershey-s-new-website-maps-out-how-to-trick-or-treat-safely-across-the-united-states)

[Feds outline sweeping plan to provide free COVID-19 vaccines](https://www.komu.com/news/feds-outline-sweeping-plan-to-provide-free-covid-19-vaccine)

KMIZ- [Missouri COVID-19 rate moves to 4th highest in the nation in new White House report](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/16/missouri-covid-19-rate-moves-to-4th-highest-in-the-nation-in-new-white-house-report/)

[Wednesday Updates: Missouri new COVID-19 cases, positive rate drops](https://abc17news.com/news/2020/09/16/wednesday-updates-missouri-new-covid-19-cases-positive-rate-drop/)

[More Missouri COVID-19 cases from small cities](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/16/more-missouri-covid-19-cases-coming-from-small-cities/)

Local Chatter

* Discussion about University of Missouri expelled/suspended students for behavior and the next steps the University/Columbia should take
* Talk about returning youngest school aged children to in-person first for CPS

**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 106,587 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 1,739 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 4,056 confirmed cases in Boone County, 7 patients passed away, and 3,531 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.