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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  **09/2/2020** | 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 09/2/2020 to 5:00 PM on 09/2/2020 | |

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: 797 |
| Deaths: 1,542 | Released from Isolation: 2,073 |
| Total: 87,213 | Deaths: 7 |
|  | Total: 2,877 |

**Statistic Charts can be found at:**

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

**Operations Report**

Significant Events from Operational Period:

* Implemented new tiered system to prioritize investigation of positive COVID 19 cases.
* Met with Columbia Public Schools and other partners about community learning PODS.
* Organized data to show age group of positive cases and reflection in change in # of cases in those age groups each day.
* Information and Guidance fleshed out what constitutes an event that needs an operational plan as opposed to a gathering that is over 20 individuals and is not in compliance with Public Health order.
* Staff from Epi and Disease Containment and Information and Guidance met with Columbia Independent School representative to provide guidance with contact tracing and information regarding quarantine and isolation.
* Provided media interviews regarding CDC information regarding % of deaths resulting from COVID.
* Posted on social media as a “rumor control” post to clarify what the CDC COVID death figures represent and how it can be interpreted.
* Information Guidance and Environmental Health provided guidance to hosts and organizers of upcoming events.
* PHHS leadership met with other metro area Public Health Departments in the state.
* Environmental Health and Information and Guidance staff worked together to provide responses to businesses and establishments regarding implementation of Public Health order in their business.
* Responded and directed emails from the [health@como.gov](mailto:health@como.gov) address.
* Provided feedback to Family Health Center regarding referral process for uninsured individuals without a medical provider.
* Ordered camera and microphone to be used in conference room.
* Prepared press release/statement about high case day and delay in contact tracing.
* Designed a flyer for social distancing guidance in elevators.
* Updated social media posts to provide how to safely social distance over Labor Day weekend.
* Shared information about upcoming community testing events to PHHS staff.
* Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
* Continued case and contact investigations.

**Media Briefing:**

COVID-19 News

* [US won't join global coronavirus vaccine effort led by WHO](https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/01/politics/coronavirus-vaccine-world-health-organization/index.html)
* [Health Officials worry US is not prepared for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and education](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/health-officials-worry-nation-ready-covid-19-vaccine-72771078?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_heads_hero_live_headlines_hed)
* [Steroids confirmed to help for severely ill coronavirus patients](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/steroids-confirmed-severely-ill-coronavirus-patients-72772222?cid=clicksource_4380645_1_heads_hero_live_headlines_hed) Steroids are not a cure by any means, but it has shown to improve survival for patients that are very ill from COVID-19. They are inexpensive, widely available, and have been used for decades
* [Coronavirus live updates: University reports 90% jump in cases on campus](https://abcnews.go.com/Health/live-updates/coronavirus/?id=72766288)
* [CDC Issues Sweeping Temporary Halt On Evictions Nationwide Amid Pandemic](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/09/01/908581048/sweeping-new-eviction-ban-from-trump-administration) Federal Government is halting evictions due to CDC’s statement that it would create a public health crisis of more coronavirus cases
* [Covid-19 cases could explode after Labor Day: It's up to us to stop it](https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/02/health/labor-day-covid-19-precautions-wellness/index.html)
* [While Covid-19 cases spike among children, Fauci says colleges shouldn't send infected students home](https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/02/health/us-coronavirus-wednesday/index.html) Sending college students home after an outbreak would create outbreaks in families and hometowns
* [Task force report shows dire warnings to Iowa, the state with the highest case rate this week](https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/01/politics/iowa-task-force-report-coronavirus/index.html)
* [Vaccine Update](https://www.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-pandemic-09-02-20-intl/index.html?tab=Vaccines)
* [Flu season could coincide with 2nd wave of COVID-19: Here's everything you need to know](https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Wellness/flu-season-coincide-2nd-wave-covid-19/story?id=72681962)

Local Media

*Tribune*- [White House COVID-19 task force told Missouri to require masks statewide — 2 weeks ago](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200901/white-house-covid-19-task-force-told-missouri-to-require-masks-statewide-mdash-2-weeks-ago)

[Forum 8, Capital 8 theaters reopen - News](https://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20200902/forum-8-capital-8-theaters-reopen)

*KRCG*- [Missouri uses emergency federal funding to pay consultant more than $500,000](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/missouri-uses-emergency-federal-funding-to-pay-consultant-more-than-500000)

[Cole County: 6 nursing home deaths, 57 residents and 39 staff test positive for COVID-19](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/cole-county-6-deaths-at-nursing-home-57-residents-test-positive-for-covid-19)

[Missouri's COVID-19 lawsuit against China stalled in court](https://krcgtv.com/news/local/missouris-covid-19-lawsuit-against-china-stalled-in-court)

*Missourian*- [Pandemic takes its toll on international student enrollment](https://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/higher_education/pandemic-takes-its-toll-on-international-student-enrollment/article_bfbb4be4-e659-11ea-abc6-0bb190c3e834.html)

*KOMU*- [Wednesday COVID-19 Coverage: 59 new active student COVID-19 cases at MU](https://www.komu.com/news/wednesday-covid-19-coverage-59-new-active-student-covid-19-cases-at-mu)

[True/False Film Fest delayed until May](https://www.komu.com/news/true-false-film-fest-delayed-until-may)

[Boone County hospitals prep for rise in hospitalizations](https://www.komu.com/news/boone-county-hospitals-prep-for-rise-in-hospitalizations)

[CPS Superintendent answers reopening questions](https://www.komu.com/news/cps-superintendent-answers-reopening-questions)

*KMIZ*- [Wednesday Updates: University of Missouri reports 59 more active COVID-19 cases](https://abc17news.com/news/coronavirus/2020/09/02/wednesday-updates-university-of-missouri-reports-59-more-active-covid-19-cases/)

[CPS Nutrition Services sets start date for free and reduced-price meal program](https://abc17news.com/news/education/columbia-public-schools/2020/09/02/cps-nutrition-services-sets-start-date-for-free-and-reduced-price-meal-program/)

[One diner, two fires and more than 8,000 free meals: Broadway Diner keeps providing food for kids](https://abc17news.com/news/abc-17-news-investigates/behind-the-kitchen-door/2020/09/02/one-diner-two-fires-and-more-than-8000-free-meals-broadway-diner-keeps-providing-food-for-kids/)

Local Chatter

* Discussion about the CDC claim that only 6% of deaths were by only COVID-19, frustration with people spreading misinformation about the pandemic
* Wondering if college campuses in Columbia will choose to go online soon
* Frustration with many community members not wearing masks properly
* Concern about online CPS schooling and how it will be handled

**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 87,213 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 1,542 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 2,877 confirmed cases in Boone County, 7 patients passed away, and 2,073 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.