

<u>Incident Name:</u> COVID-19 Public Health Response	End of day Summary- Public Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Activity 09/24/2020	<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 09/24/2020 to 5:00 PM on 09/24/2020	

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.

Summary of COVID Cases

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 347
Deaths: 1,952	Released from Isolation: 4,112
Total: 118,311	Deaths: 9
	Total: 4,488

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 CPS about updating the infohub.

- PHHS staff attended a meeting with restaurants, bars, and MU that was convened by the chamber of commerce.
- PHHS staff corresponded with County Clerk to begin planning for polling locations for voting.
- Staff provided an interview to radio station based out Mexico, MO regarding a story they are working for how information is shared with the public.
- Shared information to the public about the recent COVID death in Boone county.
- Staff attended non-urban area healthcare coalition all member meeting.
- Epidemiology and Disease Containment unit met with Ashland schools to review contact tracing.
- Returned emails that were sent to health@como.gov
- Refined details for finance regarding isolation/quarantine charges.
- Environmental Health and Information and Guidance units worked to provide guidance on events and operational plans.
- Responded/assigned staff to City/County complaints and inquiries.
- Communicated with MUPD in regard to gatherings over 20 people in greektown.
- Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

Media Briefing

News

- [Cuomo to form panel to vet federally authorized vaccines](#)
- [Mnuchin says he and Pelosi have agreed to restart coronavirus stimulus talks](#)
- [Massive genetic study shows coronavirus mutating and potentially evolving amid rapid U.S. spread](#)
- [18 to 22 year olds banned from gathering in Boulder, Colorado, after coronavirus surge](#)
- [White House has money to 'repurpose' for additional coronavirus stimulus, Kudlow says](#)
- [Where potential coronavirus vaccines stand in the U.S.](#)

Local News

- **KOMU** - [Update regarding Gov. and First Lady Parson, MO reports 1,365 new cases, CPS board shares possible phases return to in-person learning, discusses COVID numbers, Springfield hospitals nearing capacity due to COVID-19 surge, Southeast Missouri counties seeing high number of COVID-19 cases, Missouri leaders react to Gov. Parson, Teresa Parson's test results](#)
- **KMIZ** - [Missouri adds 1,300+ COVID-19 cases, positivity rate increases, Columbia Public Schools; leader tells board phases are best for return to class under COVID-19, Missouri governor, wife test positive for COVID-19, Health Department: 'Isolating is different than quarantining', Springfield hospitals nearing capacity due to COVID-19 surge, Southern Boone County high schooler tests positive for COVID-19; 31 students in quarantine, Rural areas of Mid-Missouri enter 'red zone'](#)
- **KRCG** - [CPS hybrid phase-in process revised, COVID-19 update provided to the board, Governor Parson and First Lady both test positive for coronavirus](#)
- **Tribune** - [Granlund Cartoon: COVID Halloween, Possible COVID-19 exposure reported at local church, Gov. Parson, wife test positive for COVID-19](#)
- **Missourian** - ['The way that things are going now' MU to stay in person, Choi says, Gov.](#)

Local Chatter

- Discussion about the struggle of virtual learning
 - Appears many parents want their kids back in school due to lack of efficient learning at home, no social experience, stress etc.

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

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 **116,946** confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, **1,947** 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 4,488 confirmed cases in Boone County, 9 patients passed away, and 4,112 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

Columbia and Boone County issued revised Public Health Orders for Social Distancing to begin on September 18 and continue until another Public Health Order is issued or expire on October 6, they can be found at:

City of Columbia: <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/Final-Health-Director-Order-11-Modified-Reopening..pdf>

Boone County: <https://www.como.gov/wp-content/uploads/Final-County-Health-Director-Order-11-Modified-Reopening..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 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/>:<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/>).

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.