

<u>Incident Name:</u>  COVID-19 Public Health Response	<b>End of Day Summary- Public</b>  Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Operational Activity <b>09/28/2020</b>	<u>Incident Start:</u>  March 6, 2020
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Summarized Operational Time Period:	8:00 AM on 09/28/2020 to 5:00 PM on 09/28/2020	

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**

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 317
Deaths: 2,074	Released from Isolation: 4,324
Total: 123,276	Deaths: 9
	Total: 4,650

**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 Phoenix regarding COVID 19 testing of clients.
- Provided interview to KRCG about La Siesta's report.
- Received a Sunshine request and sent out mechanism to collect potential response time from staff.
- Provided two interviews to the Missourian.
- Provided an interview to KBIA.
- Environmental Health responded/assigned staff to City/County complaints and inquiries.
- Environment Health and Information and Guidance worked to provide guidance on events and operational plans.
- Worked with business owners that have suspended permits for operational plan development.
- Responded to public regarding COVID 19 inquiries.
- Picked up supplies to maintain disinfectant program in facility.
- Obtained supplies to outfit signs for curbside service.
- Ordered curbside service signs and picked up banners.
- Prepared masks for Columbia Fire to pick up.
- Continued case and contact investigations.

## **Media Briefing**

### COVID-19 News

- [Only 10% of US Adults may have COVID-19 antibodies: study](#)
- [Coronavirus Updates: several states see positive case rates rise](#)
- [CDC releases guidelines for Thanksgiving](#) Recommending having a small dinner with household members to prevent spread
- [Tiny airborne particles may pose a big coronavirus problem](#)

- [US colleges struggle to salvage semester amid outbreaks](#)
- [Nearly 1 million who died of COVID-19 also illuminated treatment](#)
- [A Crisis Within A Crisis: Food Insecurity and COVID-19](#)
- [Missouri Governor and Wife to Host Fall Festival Days After COVID-19 Diagnosis](#)

## Local Media

Tribune- [Masks central to Columbia Heath Department complaints](#)

[Missouri's first lady moves ahead with fall festival at end of COVID-19 isolation period](#)

KRCG- [Military suicides up as much as 20% in COVID era](#)

[Mizzou game day a whole lot of empty due to COVID restrictions](#)

[The eyes don't have it: masks upset classroom communication](#)

Missourian- [Group protests MU COVID policies ahead of Saturday game](#)

[US to ship millions of tests in push to reopen K-12 schools](#)

KOMU- [Monday COVID-19 Coverage: Marshall Public Schools to move online](#)

[Columbia Fire Department modifies gear to meet COVID-19 needs](#)

[Sunday Coverage: 1,392 new cases in Missouri](#)

[MU game day creates social distancing frustration for fans](#)

[Saturday COVID-19 Coverage: Boone County reports 60 new cases](#)

[COVID-19 vaccinations could start in November or December, Fauci says](#)

[State expands COVID-19 dashboards, includes social and economic impacts](#)

KMIZ- [Battle football game against Smith-Cotton canceled due to COVID-19](#)

[Mid-Missouri school districts confirm COVID-19 cases among students and teachers](#)

[CPS discusses success of online school](#)

[Monday Updates: Blair Oaks elementary teacher tests positive for COVID-19; 2 Morgan County residents die from coronavirus](#)

[Columbia businesses sees successful weekend, health department gives no suspensions](#)

[Sunday Updates: Moniteau County reports fifth COVID-19 death](#)

#### Local Chatter

- Concern about Missouri Governor still hosting the Fall Festival, even after coronavirus diagnosis last week for Parson and his wife
- Debate about Missouri students protesting policies, confusion if it is warranted and if they can choose to do classes fully online
- Frustration with City of Columbia choosing to start disconnecting utilities October 5th considering a lot of families are still out of work and struggling in the community

#### **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 123,276 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 2,074 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 4,650 confirmed cases in Boone County, 9 patients passed away, and 4,324 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/>

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/)

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.