

**Order of the City of Columbia
Director of Public Health and Human Services**

**2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19")
Notice and Issuance of Rules and Regulations**

Order No. 2020-08

Extension of Reopening Plan – Phase 2, Step 3

Facts

1. The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has reported the outbreak of a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and has been spreading rapidly worldwide since approximately December 2019.

2. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”).

3. COVID-19 is considered an infectious, highly contagious communicable and dangerous disease and on March 11, 2020 was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic.

4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency and the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency in Missouri.

5. As of June 16, 2020, in the United States the SARS-CoV-2 virus has been responsible for over 2.1 million cases of COVID-19 resulting in over 116,000 deaths.

6. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has warned against large gatherings of people:

“Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>.

7. In addition, the CDC has urged restriction on the size of any gathering consistent with local conditions.

8. The CDC has raised particular concern about the health and susceptibility of high-risk individuals. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf>.

18. Among other authority that may be available under Missouri and United States law, Sec. 11-98 of the City of Columbia Code of Ordinances ("Code") states:

Whenever the director shall declare that any malignant, infectious or contagious disease is or may become epidemic in the city, or any part thereof, he shall immediately, or as soon thereafter as possible, give notice to that effect to the citizens of the city and the country surrounding the same, and shall also give notice of the rules and regulations adopted by him for the enforcement of quarantine within the city or portion thereof. He shall take such steps and adopt such measures as he may deem necessary to prevent the introduction and spreading of such disease, and to this end he shall have power to quarantine the city against persons coming into or leaving the city during the continuation of such epidemic. Whenever he shall deem it necessary, he shall have the power to forbid and prevent the assembling of congregations of persons within the city and to order and enforce the closing of places of business and amusements.

19. Also, pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.050, the local health authority is empowered to order quarantines, isolations, and closings of schools and places of public and private assembly in order to protect the public health.

20. The terms of this Order shall apply to all areas within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia, except as otherwise provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing facts and the authority that exists under federal, state and local law, I declare that SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 are contagious diseases that are or may become epidemic in the City and hereby extend the regulations for the City of Columbia Reopening Plan – Phase 2, Step 3 previously entered as Order 2020-07. The rules and regulations set forth in Order 2020-07 shall remain in full force and effect as if fully set forth herein **and will expire on August 10, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. unless extended, rescinded or modified prior to such expiration.**

So Ordered.



Stephanie Browning
Director, Columbia/Boone County
Department of Public Health and Human
Services

7.10.2020
Date