

Public End of Day Summary for 4/8/2020

Columbia/Boone County Health and Human Services Operational Activity

Incident Name: COVID-19 Public Health Response

Incident Start: March 6, 2020

Operational Time Period Summarized: 8:00 AM 4/8/2020 to 5:00 PM 4/8/2020

Incident Commanders: Stephanie Browning and Scott Clardy

Agency: Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services

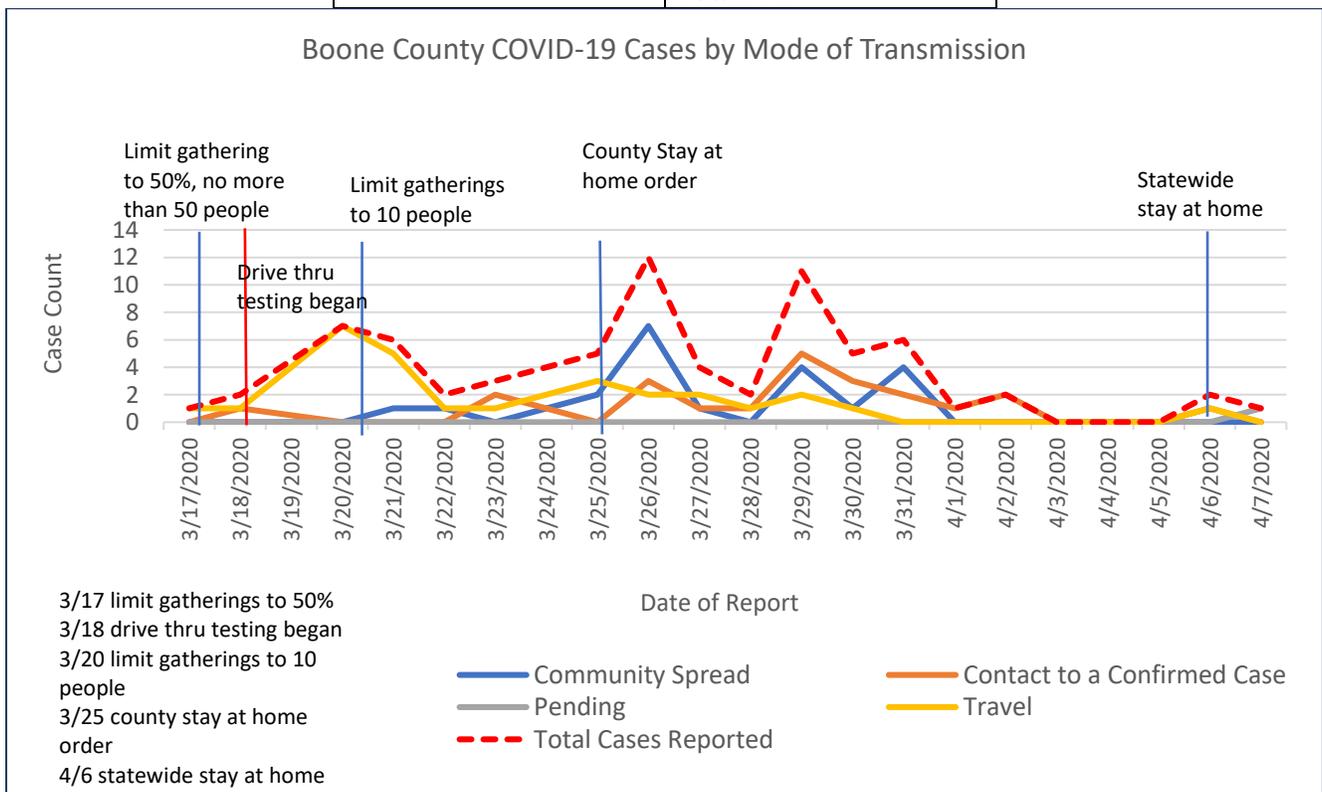
Incident Definition: Response to emerging Novel Corona Virus, now known as COVID-19. This includes-

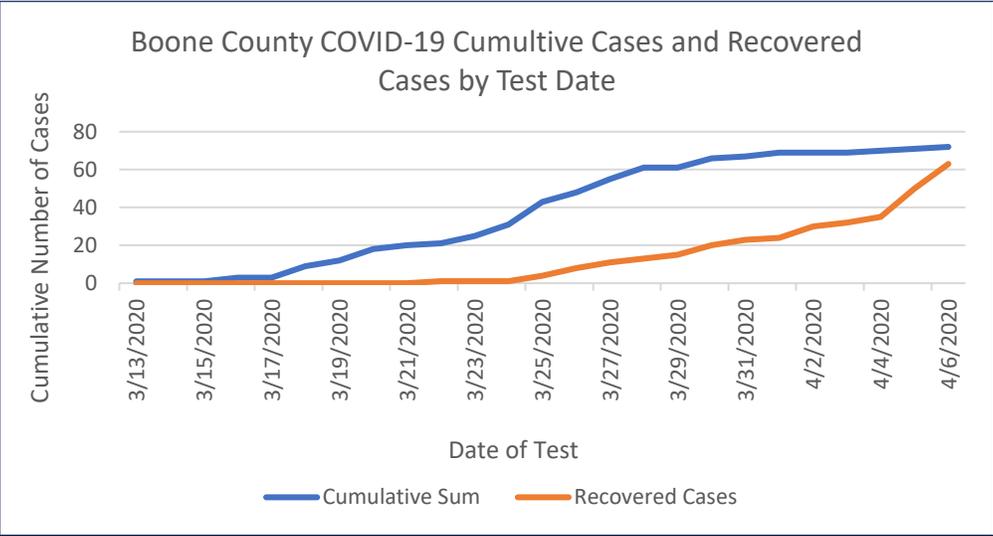
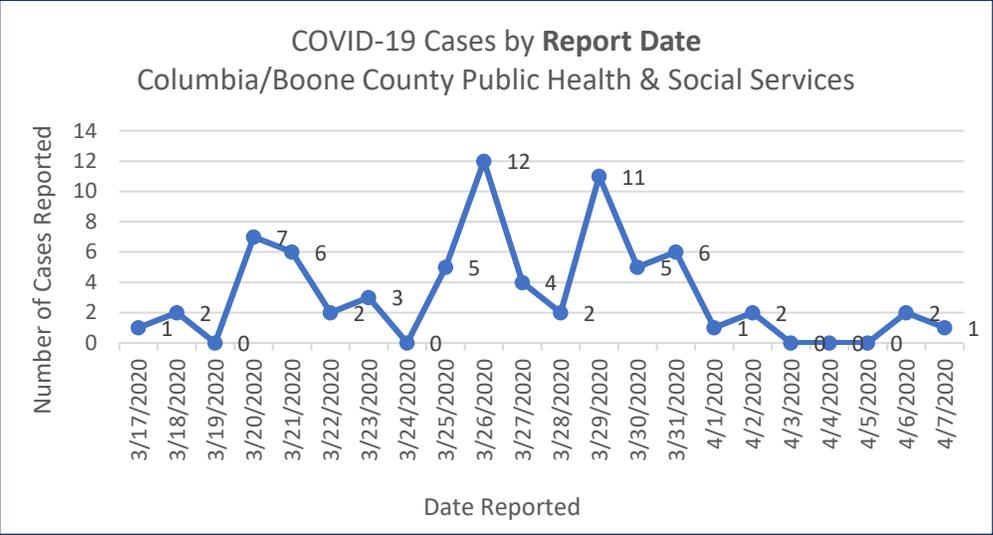
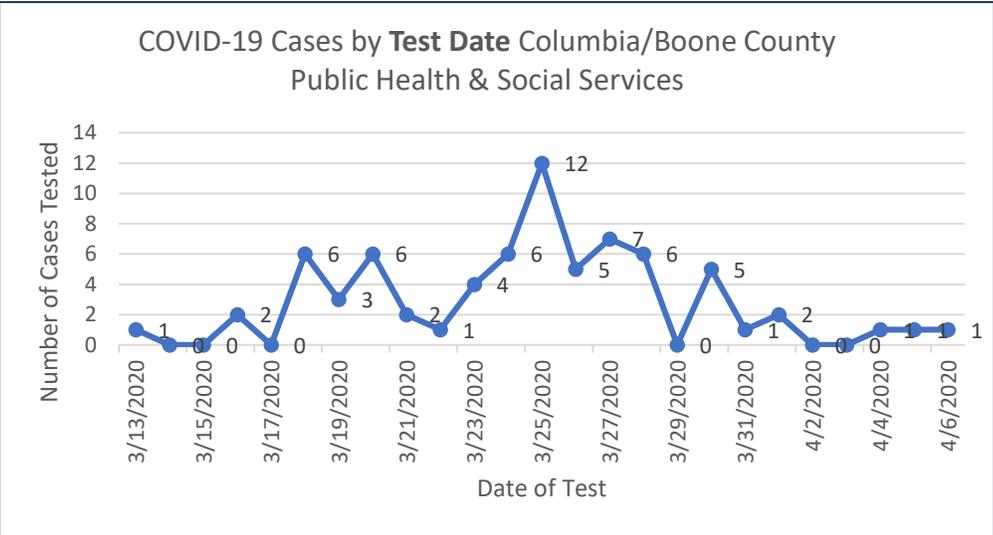
- Addressing general public concerns regarding COVID-19
- Providing guidance to stakeholders regarding COVID-19
- Provide symptom monitoring to identified travelers
- Provide surveillance of COVID-19 in community

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**Summary of COVID Cases**

# of Positive COVID Cases in MO	# of Positive COVID Cases in Boone
	Current: 8
Deaths: 58	Recovered: 63
Total: 3,327	Deaths: 1
	Total: 72





## Situation Summary:

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.

There are 72 confirmed cases in Boone County, a patient passed away on 3/18/2020, and 63 have recovered from the COVID 19 illness.

A total 3,327 confirmed cases in Missouri of individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID 19, 59 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>

A "Stay at Home" Public Health Order went into effect for City of Columbia and all of Boone County beginning at 8 AM on 3/25/2020.

Cepheid Received Emergency Use Authorization from FDA for Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Test on 3/21/2022, a 45 minutes test for the virus that causes COVID-19.

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.

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/>

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.

Missouri Governor Parson declared a State Emergency on March 13, 2020 to make state resources available to local jurisdictions and activate certain authorities. On March 21, 2020 he issued an updated order for social distancing. It can be found here: <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-directs-dhss-director-require-social-distancing-statewide>

Governor Parson issued a statewide stay at home order to begin on 4/6/2020. The stay at home order can be found here: <https://governor.mo.gov/priorities/stay-home-order>

On 3/22/2020 MUHC moved to Level III response which prohibits visitors in the hospital.

MU Healthcare opened a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. To have a specimen collected at this site an individual must have a paper copy of a physician's lab order with them or have a lab order in the MU electronic record system. The site will operate between 7 AM and 7 PM every day.

Boone Hospital opened a drive thru COVID 19 testing site. To have a specimen collected at this site an individual must have insurance, a photo ID, and a physician's lab order with them. This site will operate between 7 AM and 7 PM every day, at this time, weekend hours are undetermined.

All states have issued a State at home Order, except for Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Arkansas, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Long Term Healthcare Facilities have been told to be closed to visitors. Guidance for Long term health care facilities with a COVID 19 case has been released by DHSS on 4/2/2020.

Social Security offices have been closed Nation Wide.

The White House indicated that foreclosures and evictions on homeowners will be suspended until at least the end of March if the mortgages are insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

President extends social distancing guidance to last through the month of April.

CDC has updated guidance on ending self-isolation that does not require two negative tests. Missouri DHSS is still requiring 2 negatives tests that are 24 hours apart until a positive case can leave self-isolation and Boone County will follow DHSS guidance.

CDC has begun recommending all individuals wear facemasks to reduce the chance of transmission while out in public as of 4/3/2020.

CDC has prepared an FAQ and updated guidance for Faith Based Leaders  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

CDC released an FAQ for cloth face coverings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-faq.html>

CDC released guidance that children under the age of 2 should not wear masks because of suffocation risk.

DHSS cites the need for contact tracing for COVID-19 should begin 2 days (28 hours) prior to the date of onset of symptoms for the case.

**Daniel Boone Regional Library will remain closed through Mid-May and has cancelled all May library events.**

Columbia Public Schools are closed from March 17, 2020 to April 27, 2020.

Hallsville School district closed from March 18 to April 27.

Harrisburg Public Schools are closed from March 16, 2020 to April 28, 2020.

Centralia Public Schools closed as of March 18, 2020 and is looking to reopen on April 4, 2020.

Columbia Independent School will close on campus learning beginning March 18 and use e-learning until April 3.

Southern Boone has closed schools beginning March 19, 2020 and plans to resume classes on April 24, 2020.

Tolton and Our Lady of Lourdes closed as of 3/18/2020 and will remain closed until May 4.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has expanded coverage for telehealth services.

The state of Missouri has the following criteria stated for testing an individual to have a specimen tested at the State Health Lab:

Interim Missouri COVID-19 Person Under Investigation (PUI) Definition  
Updated March 23, 2020

Risk Groups to be Approved for COVID-19 Testing by DHSS		
Risk Group	Clinical Features	Definitions and Further Information
Symptomatic close contacts to a suspect COVID-19 patient with pending laboratory testing or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient	Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>or</b> signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	Close contact is defined as— a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case — <i>or</i> — b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)  If such contact occurs while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (e.g., gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), criteria for PUI consideration are met.
Symptomatic residents of congregate living facilities whose residents are at higher risk for poor outcomes	Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>and</b> signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	Those at higher risk for poor outcomes can include older adults and individuals with chronic medical conditions and/or an immunocompromised state (e.g., diabetes, heart disease, receiving immunosuppressive medications, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease).
Symptomatic hospitalized patients who have signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19	Fever <sup>1</sup> <b>and</b> signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	Testing for these individuals should be used to inform decisions regarding infection control.

<sup>1</sup>Fever may be subjective or confirmed

Most up to date can be found at: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus-lpha/pdf/mo-pui-guidance.pdf>

MoDHSS hotline staffed by medical professionals: 877-435-8411

Providers can have COVID-19 lab tests performed by private labs, any positive case is reported to the county of resident for the individual whose specimen tests positive, negative results do not have to be reported by private labs.

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)

#### Areas with Sustained Transmission:

- COVID 19 has reached global transmission. To view Risk Assessment for COVID 19 per country visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
- States with more than 2,000 cases: New York, New Jersey, Michigan, California, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois, Washington, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Texas, Colorado, Connecticut, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, Arizona, Missouri, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Alabama, Nevada, Mississippi

### **Operations Report**

#### Significant Events from Operational Period:

- Secured a van from City of Columbia fleet to use to transport individuals to a city supported Isolation/Quarantine location.
- Continued meeting and moving process along to stand up a city supported isolation/quarantine location.
- Responded to media inquiries.
- Continued to reach out to congregate sites about sanitization and isolation guidance.
- Working with County Law department on approach to Notice of Violation and enforcement of stay at home order when there is not voluntary compliance.
- Guidance provided to athletic/sport stores about social distancing requirements.
- Working on a RFP for a camp at a public site to manage the social distance needs of unsheltered homeless individuals.
- Attended a regional conference call hosted by DHSS communicable disease staff.
- Discussed service areas with hospitals in Boone County and the impact of positive cases in other counties that falls into Boone County's healthcare capacity.
- Preparing a video to share "when and how" to wear a mask, and that it doesn't replace social distancing.
- Continue case and contact investigations.
- Finalized cleaning/disinfection instructions for individuals to use in the isolation/quarantine facility.
- Shared information that the CDC has removed guidance from prescribing hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine from their website.
- Notes that the WHO is still not recommending the wearing of masks for healthy public.
- Continue working with City/County Stakeholders on adopting health order complaint process.
- Continue working with Community Relations on the development of guidance and social media content.
- Supported PHHS staff with remote work processes.

- Acquired contacts for supplies that will be needed at the isolation/quarantine facility.