

**FOR:** Missouri Department of Public Safety / ESF Leads  
State Mutual Aid Resources

**FROM:** Planning Section  
Missouri State Emergency Management Agency

**DATE:** March 27, 2020, as of 10:00 A.M.

**RE:** Situation Report for COVID-19 2020  
24 Hour Hotline: 877-435-8411  
Website: <https://health.mo.gov/coronavirus/>



**Situation:**

All new information updated on Sit Rep will be noted in red font.

The State of Missouri is responding to an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus first detected in China. The virus is reported in at least 176 countries/regions and in all 50 states. Illnesses range from very mild symptoms to severe symptoms, including death. President Trump declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020, with Missouri Governor Mike Parson declaring a State of Emergency for Missouri that same day. The DHSS Emergency Response Center is activated at Level 1 and the State Emergency Operations Center is operating at Level 3, Partial Activation. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available from DHSS and the CDC.

**The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has currently confirmed:**

- **Deaths:** 9
- **Positives:** 670

On March 27, Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 20-06 to begin mobilizing the Missouri National Guard to assist in the state's COVID-19 response efforts. This will increase the amount of coordination among state government partners in combating the spread of COVID-19.

On March 26, President Donald Trump approved Governor Mike Parson's request for a federal major disaster declaration for the state of Missouri. The President approved Governor Parson's request that FEMA's Public Assistance Program be utilized to reimburse eligible expenditures made by local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the state for emergency protective measures by first responders and others responding to the coronavirus.

On March 21, Governor Parson directed DHSS Director Dr. Randall Williams to order social distancing statewide, beginning at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 23, and remaining in effect until 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 6. (Unless extended by further order of the Director of DHSS). The order requires the following:

1. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people. For purposes of this Order, "social gatherings" shall mean any planned or spontaneous event or convening that would bring together more than ten (10) people in a single space at the same time.
2. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid eating or drinking at restaurants,

bars, or food courts; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed throughout the duration of this Order.

3. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, people shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance.
4. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, schools shall remain closed.

This does not prohibit people from visiting grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as necessary precautions are taken to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including maintaining at least six feet of distance between all individuals that are not family members.

Local public health authorities were directed to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Order by means of civil proceedings. This action was made in accordance with MO Rev Stat § 192.020.

On March 21, Missouri was approved for low-interest federal disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration for Missouri small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. Applicants may apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

### **Current Operations:**

#### ESF 1: Transportation

- Amtrak will begin operating on a reduced schedule for the Missouri River Runner Train on March 30.
- MoDOT has been working diligently with our steadfast federal partners and modal agencies of the U.S. Department of Transportation, as well as our partners in the motor carrier and agricultural industries to enable emergency flow of goods.
- Interstate highway rest areas will remain open to the traveling public and commercial motor carriers.
- Hours of operation for motor carriers have been relaxed to give more flexibility in transporting goods.
- Restrictions have been eased to allow for heavier-than-normal truckloads of supplies and equipment to travel on all Missouri highways, including interstates. This includes shipments of livestock and poultry. Missouri Department of Transportation was able to work with the Federal Highway Administration to announce a free, temporary overweight permit that allows haulers to transport up to 100,000 pounds on any Missouri highway, including interstates as long as their loads carry supplies and/or equipment in the direct effort to prevent, contain, mitigate and treat the effects of the COVID-19 virus.
- MoDOT has suspended all Missouri International Registration Plan and International Fuel Tax Agreement trip and fuel permit requirements, including fees, for vehicles not currently registered for interstate travel in Missouri.
- Statewide highway maintenance operations, such as pothole patching, striping and pavement repair, also continue at present- although under the guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the CDC.
- Design and construction of the state's road and bridge projects are continuing at this time.

ESF 2: Communications

- Questions regarding HIPPA issues were provided to ESF 13. DHSS issued this waiver: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/information-release-911-responders.pdf>
- Continue to coordinate with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP).
- MOSWIN Network at Green.

ESF 4: Fire

- Continuing to coordinate PPE Distribution with Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Coordinator. Adjusted quantities based on prior orders.
- Working with various inspectors in our field staff to ensure productivity during reduced capability of performing inspections.

ESF 6: Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services

- Working requests for assistance. ESF-6 is responding to a few resource requests each day for mass care assets.
- Continuing to work resource requests, including assistance for a homeless quarantine shelter in Springfield, Mo. (Greene County)
- NGO partners are providing transport of materials.
- Food pantries and food kitchens are continuing to provide service.

ESF 8: Public Health and Medical Services

- Coordinating with USACE, FEMA and MONG on alternative care sites for potential surge, site visits will be forthcoming. Recognized staffing will be a need, may receive some federal resources in this regard.
- Section 192.067, RSMo, and 19 CSR 20-20.020(10), shall be waived to the extent necessary for the Department of Health and Senior Services and local public health authorities to release the address where an individual is located, who is known to be under a public health authority order of quarantine or isolation, or request for self-quarantine or self-isolation, to public safety agencies, including but not limited to 911 dispatch centers, emergency medical services agencies, law enforcement, and fire protection agencies.
- EMS is a priority for PPE. They do not need to reorder. Orders are filled depending on what is received from the SNS.
- Conservation and sharing of PPE is appropriate.
- According to DHSS, eight (8) deaths have been reported in Missouri [Boone (1), Greene (3), Jackson (1), St. Charles (1), St. Louis City (1), and St. Louis County (1)].
- According to the [DHSS COVID-19 Outbreak website](https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php), there are 502 confirmed positive tests in the state. This website only be updated once a day. Additional data, including county breakdowns, age range, and travel vs. contact-related information, is now published on the DHSS website: <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/results.php>.

<b>Cases by County</b>		
County	Positive by State Public Health Laboratory	Positive by Commercial or Other Laboratory
Adair	0	1
<b>Atchison</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Bates	0	1
Benton	0	1

Bollinger	0	1
Boone	1	36
Callaway	0	3
Camden	1	0
Cape Girardeau	0	5
Carter	1	0
Cass	2	6
Chariton	0	1
Christian	3	0
Clay	0	9
Clinton	0	1
Cole	3	7
Cooper	0	1
Dunklin	0	3
Franklin	0	4
Greene	18	13
Henry	1	0
Jackson	5	36
Jasper	1	1
Jefferson	2	13
Johnson	1	7
Kansas City	1	77
Lafayette	0	4
Lincoln	1	1
McDonald	0	1
Moniteau	0	2
Montgomery	0	3
Newton	3	0
Pemiscot	0	1
Perry	4	2
Pettis	0	1
Platte	0	5
Pulaski	0	4
Ralls	1	0
Randolph	0	1
Ray	0	1
Scott	0	1
Shelby	1	0
St. Charles	5	27
St. Francois	1	3
St. Louis City	9	63
St. Louis County	24	223
Stoddard	0	1
Taney	0	1
Texas	0	1
Wright	0	1
TBD	0	4

Cases by county will be updated as information is verified and patients are notified.  
The breakdown may not match the total case count above.

- Department of Mental Health
  - DMH Central and Regional Offices are closed.

ESF 13: Public Safety and Security:

- In light of incident in Belton, recommend all critical infrastructure secure their posture.
- The Missouri State Highway Patrol Gaming troopers are augmenting road function in areas they are assigned to, assisting with the distribution of PPE from SEMA's warehouse to other agencies, and supporting Troop communication centers.
- A regional tent (a hub and three wings) is deploying to St. Francois Medical Center. The fourth wing has already deployed to Southeast Health in Dexter. These assets will not be available to deploy elsewhere for the foreseeable future.
- Missouri Department of Correction Offender tested positive for COVID-19. Full release from the DOC at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODOC/bulletins/282c94f>.

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency:

- Major Disaster Declaration and Emergency Declaration questions being answered by PIO and Public Assistance section staff.
- Minimal staff on SEOC Floor to adhere to social distancing guidance. All communications and contacts remain the same.
- PIO has shared two videos about SNS PPE through SEMA's Facebook and Twitter.

Missouri National Guard:

- The Federal Major Disaster Declaration did not include 502f funding, anticipate potential for funding in the near future.
- The Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MO DMAT-1) continues to support screening at Ike Skelton Training Site (ISTS) prior to entering. If a staff member has a temperature higher than 99 degrees, they will be required to exit ISTS and report to their health provider for further guidance.

**Required Action:** This is a **SEMA Advisory only**; no action is required at this time. Please maintain situational awareness and standby for additional information from DHSS, SEMA and the State Mutual Aid System over the rest of the incident. DHSS and SEMA will issue additional advisories as appropriate.

SEMA's plan moving forward includes sending these situation reports twice a day, with a 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. report.

Please send any updates to the Planning Section Chief by 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively. For any questions, please contact the MOSEOC Planning Section.

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