



Dear Neighbor,

I was extremely pleased to get the great news January 14 that I was appointed to the three committees in the Missouri House that were my top three choices – **Crime Prevention, Elementary & Secondary Education and General Laws.**

This will give me a greater voice on behalf of south Kansas City in reducing crime, particularly homicides and other violent crimes, and in improving education for students throughout Missouri and in the Center, Grandview and Hickman Mills School Districts.

I also was pleased to co-sponsor House Bill 149 introduced by Rep. Brenda Shields to lengthen the time period for when KCMO voters have to authorize extension of the city's 1% earnings tax from every five years to every ten years. The last two times it was up for renewal in 2011 and 2016, KCMO voters approved renewal by over three to one margins.

The tax (which brings in more revenue than either property or sales taxes) applies to wages earned by residents and wages earned in the city by non-residents, and about half the proceeds are from non-residents. It also applies to business net profits, but not to Social Security payments or pensions.

**Having a major revenue source for the city depending on a favorable public vote so frequently costs the city and its taxpayers higher interest rates when the city sells bonds to finance capital improvement projects such as the improvements to Red Bridge Rd.**

Unfortunately, there has been a second homicide already this year in my legislative district with the death of 29-year-old Myronta Jackson. He was found lying in a parking lot in the 11400 block of Grandview Rd. suffering from apparent gunshot wounds a little after noon January 9 and died from his injuries at the hospital.

**Anyone with information should call the KCPD Homicide Unit at 816-234-**

**5043, and Missouri now has a witness protection program. Persons who wish to remain anonymous may call the TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS. A reward of up to \$25,000 is available for information leading to an arrest or filing charges.**

Please look at the attached reports for 2020 showing the positive results achieved by the TIPS Hotline in solving crimes and the record number of south Kansas City families in need served by the Community Assistance Council. Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, [Kaylee Bauer](#) is ready to help you.

Please note my new Capitol office at the end of the newsletter which will be much more accessible to mobility-limited visitors than my previous office. My office phone number remains the same.

Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,  
*Mark A. Sharp*



From left, MO State Rep. Michael Johnson, Rep. Richard Brown, Former MO Senator Kiki Curls, Former Kansas City Councilman Jermaine Reed, Rep. Mark A. Sharp and Rep. Jerome Barnes attending the bicentennial inaugural address by Governor Parson.

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## **WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE**

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021

**INAUGURAL SPEECH SENDS UPBEAT MESSAGE**

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Gov. Mike Parson gave an optimistic message during his Jan. 11 bicentennial inaugural address.

“We have been faced with sacrifices, uncertainty and tragedy, but with each moment of darkness, there seems to return a tenfold of hope,” Parson said.

“We have seen some challenging days together, but when it is hard to find the light, sometimes all you need is a spark to get the fire going again,” he continued. “Even in the darkest times, Missouri shines on. Sunny days are ahead!”

Parson, who previously served as lieutenant governor, became Missouri’s chief executive in 2018 following the resignation of his predecessor. Voters elected him to a full term in November. Because his partial term was longer than two years, Parson is ineligible under the Missouri Constitution to seek a second full term in 2024.

**Parson is expected to discuss his legislative and policy priorities for the year during the upcoming State of the State address on Jan. 27. At that time, he also will present his proposed state operating budget for the 2022 fiscal year, which begins July 1.**

### **HOUSE LEADERSHIP CANCELS SESSION**

Due to another outbreak of COVID-19 in the State Capitol, the House Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem and Majority Floor Leader announced the evening of Jan. 14 that the House will not meet next week. We are scheduled to reconvene at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25.

During debate on House rules on Jan. 12, members of the majority party voted down an amendment offered by my seatmate, Rep. Patty Lewis of Kansas City, to require members to follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines to minimize the spread of the virus including wearing masks. During last week’s legislative sessions, numerous Republican House members didn’t wear masks.

With right-wing extremists planning protests in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols on presidential Inauguration Day and concerns their actions

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could again turn violent, the Missouri House of Representatives had already decided to only hold a procedural session on Jan. 20 to minimize the presence of lawmakers and legislative staff in the Capitol on the presidential Inauguration Day in the event violence does reoccur.

The Missouri Senate is still scheduled to meet next week, convening at 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, following the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday

**Security officials in Missouri and elsewhere are on high alert after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 in a futile attempt to stop Congress from certifying President-elect Joe Biden's 306 to 232 victory in the Electoral College. The attack on the Capitol resulted in deaths and numerous injuries. A Capitol police officer died from injuries he sustained during the attack, and dozens of Capitol and District of Columbia police were injured, some requiring hospitalization.**

The U.S. House of Representatives on Jan. 13 voted to impeach President Trump for incitement of insurrection in the Capitol attack, making him the only president in American history to be impeached twice. The impeachment resolution passed 232 to 197 with 10 Republicans voting with all 222 Democrats in favor of the resolution and 197 Republicans voting no. Four Republicans did not vote on the measure. (There are two vacancies in the House.)

The Senate, which is still Republican-led but which will switch to Democratic control when the two newly elected Democratic senators from Georgia are sworn in, does not plan to conduct a trial on the latest article of impeachment before Trump leaves office when his term expires at noon on Jan. 20.

Even though Trump will no longer be president, an impeachment trial is still expected to take place in the coming weeks. Although this may face legal challenge, it was done before to former Secretary of War William Belknap in 1876.

If two-thirds of the senators present vote to convict Trump, he can be disqualified "to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States". In the past the Senate has ruled that following conviction, disqualification only requires a simple majority to pass.





From left, MO State Representatives Mark A. Sharp and Michael Johnson before the bicentennial inaugural address by Governor Parson.

**Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson**  
Office of Communications

January 11, 2021

**Governor Parson Sworn In to Full Term as 57th Governor of the State of Missouri**

**(JEFFERSON CITY, MO)** – Today, Governor Michael L. Parson was sworn in to a full term as 57th Governor of the State of Missouri at the 2021 Bicentennial Inauguration.

Governor Parson's career in public service began with six years in the United States Army and over 22 years in law enforcement, including serving as Sheriff of Polk County from 1993-2005. Prior to taking office as Governor in June 2018, Governor Parson served as the 47th Lieutenant Governor of Missouri and a member of Missouri's General Assembly.

Governor Parson was sworn in by **Judge Sarah A. Castle**. Judge Castle was appointed by Governor Parson as Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit on October 20, 2020. At the time of her appointment, Judge Castle was serving as Associate Circuit Judge of Division 27, having been appointed by the Governor to the bench on January 29, 2020. Judge Castle is the only judge to be appointed twice by Governor Parson.

The Bible used by Governor Parson during the swearing-in ceremony was a gift given to him by First Lady Teresa Parson.

**Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick, Secretary of State John R. Ashcroft, and Attorney General Eric Schmitt** were also sworn in during today's inauguration ceremony. Oaths of office were administered by the following individuals:

- **Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell** for Lieutenant Governor Kehoe
- **Johnnie Cox, Associate Circuit Judge for the 39th Judicial Circuit,** for State Treasurer Fitzpatrick
- **Jon Beetem, Presiding Circuit Judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit,** for Secretary of State Ashcroft

- **Thomas Albus, Circuit Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit**, for Attorney General Schmitt

**Dr. Jonathan House**, son-in-law of Governor Parson, and **Ms. Alicia House**, granddaughter of Governor Parson, performed the National Anthem. Musical selections were performed by the **135th Missouri Army National Guard Band** and **Missouri State University Chorale**, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) student and current Missouri S&T student **Mr. John Sanders**.

**Dr. Ray Leininger**, Pastor Emeritus of First Baptist Church in Bolivar, delivered the invocation, and the **Most Reverend Bishop Shawn McKnight** delivered the benediction. Scripture readings were recited by **Rabbi Yosef David** and **Pastor John Modest Miles** of Morning Star Baptist Church in Kansas City.

A 19-gun salute was also performed by the Missouri National Guard during the inauguration ceremony. The gun salute system has origins in naval tradition in which salutes were fired from warship cannons. According to the [U.S. Army Center of Military history](#), warships originally fired 7-gun salutes with the number seven likely chosen because of its astrological and biblical significance.

The United States gun salute system has evolved today into a system of odd numbers indicating the rank of a military member or public servant. The 19-gun salute is reserved for the Vice President, Cabinet members, Chief Justice, governors of states, and general officers in the military of five-star rank, among others.

Today's inauguration ceremony concluded with a special salute to Missouri signifying its entry as the 24th state in the United States 200 years ago. Approximately 2,000 guests were in attendance.

On Saturday, January 9, Governor Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson also attended two inaugural prayer services at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. Information regarding future inaugural and bicentennial events, including the inaugural ball and parade, will be released at a later date.



From left, MO State Representatives Neil Smith from St. Louis and Mark A. Sharp from Kansas City discussing the floor debate occurring in the chamber of the Missouri House.

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**Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson**

Office of Communications

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 14, 2021

## **Governor Parson Announces Activation of First Tier of Phase 1B of Missouri's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan**

**(JEFFERSON CITY, MO)** – Today, Governor Mike Parson announced the activation of Phase 1B - Tier 1 of Missouri's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

Federal partners have informed the state that they plan to significantly increase vaccine supply next week and that individuals 65 and older and those with comorbidities should be prioritized. This news allows the state to begin the process of activating Phase 1B tiers.

“Beginning the activation of Phase 1B is all about saving lives and protecting those most vulnerable to exposure and illness from this virus,” **Governor Parson** said. “We are looking forward to increased vaccine supply in the coming weeks as supply is the leading factor that dictates our movement through our plan. The more supply we receive, the quicker we can reach our goal of making vaccines available to every Missourians who wants one.”

The activation of Phase 1B - Tier 1 reflects the guidance the state has received from federal partners as well as information gathered from stakeholders across the state. **Phase 1B - Tier 1 is activated today, and Phase 1B - Tier 2 will be activated on Monday, January 18.**

Tier 1 of Phase 1B focuses on protecting those who keep Missourians safe, including law enforcement, fire service, and public health professionals, among others.

Tier 2 of Phase 1B focuses on protecting those who are at increased risk for severe illness, including individuals aged 65 and older and any adult with cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, or intellectual and/or developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, heart conditions, a weakened immune system due to organ transplant, severe obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease, or Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

“We recognize and appreciate that there are a variety of individuals on the frontlines who have a greater risk of exposure each day they go to work,” **Governor Parson** said. “We are grateful for the tireless and selfless efforts of our health care providers and first responders who risk their own safety to protect the health and well-being of Missourians.”

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Director Dr. Randall Williams issued a statewide health order today regarding the

vaccination of individuals in Phase 1A, Phase 1B - Tier 1, and Phase 1B - Tier 2. The order outlines who can be vaccinated as part of the state's determined phases and applies to those administering the federally-funded COVID-19 vaccines. To view the order, please see attachment.

Although initial tiers within Phase 1B are being activated today and Monday, there are currently not enough vaccines for everyone included in these groups. As additional supplies arrive, this activation will allow for the greatest vaccine coverage where it is most needed. It will also allow vaccinators and organizations to continue planning effectively for future tiers and phases.

**Individuals in Phase 1A and Phase 1B - Tier 1 should work through their employer and/or association to access the vaccine. Individuals in Phase 1B - Tier 2 should contact their local pharmacy or health care provider or visit [MOstopsCovid.com](https://www.MOstopsCovid.com) to learn when vaccines may be available and how to receive them.**

A list of vaccinators and regional vaccine implementation teams will be made available at [www.MOstopsCovid.com](https://www.MOstopsCovid.com) on January 15. DHSS encourages employers and associations representing individuals in activated phases to use the list to connect with a vaccinator or regional vaccine implementation team in their area and make a plan for vaccinating their teams.

“We know one of the most common questions among Missourians right now is when it will be their turn to be vaccinated, and we are greatly encouraged by the interest in the vaccines from the public,” **Dr. Williams**. “Each day, our team is monitoring the amount of vaccine available and making sure it is distributed so that people can receive the vaccine as quickly as possible. We are so thankful to our hundreds of clinical partners throughout the state who are making that happen.”

Based on reporting from providers, at least 27 percent of Phase 1A has received the first dose of the vaccine. This includes residents and staff of long-term care facilities and health care workers, including dentists, EMS, school nurses, and those working in hospital or clinic settings, among others. These individuals will continue to be vaccinated.

Missourians began receiving first doses of COVID-19 vaccines last month. More than 160,000 individuals have received an initial dose, and more than 22,000 have now been fully vaccinated with the 2-dose series. Vaccine supply continues to be the rate-limiting factor for vaccine administration throughout the state. State vaccine allocations are determined by Operation Warp Speed.

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Additional details on phases and tiers beyond Phase 1B - Tier 2 can be found at [www.MOStopsCovid.com](http://www.MOStopsCovid.com). Public announcements will be made as later phases in the state's vaccination plan are activated.

A white sheet summarizing Phase 1B Tiers is attached. More information regarding COVID-19 vaccines and Missouri's vaccination plan can be found at [www.MOStopsCovid.com](http://www.MOStopsCovid.com).

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## Mayor Lucas Announces COVID-19 Order Updates, Vaccination Efforts, Small Business Assistance

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas—in consultation with Kansas City Health Department Director Rex Archer, M.D. and Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Erica Carney, M.D.—today extended Kansas City's State of Emergency and announced updated COVID-19 safety guidelines as our community continues its work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, provided details on Kansas City's work to vaccinate our community, announced additional small business assistance by extending deadlines for certain business fees, and announced housing assistance for those experiencing homelessness.

Mayor Lucas has extended Kansas City's State of Emergency to May 1, 2021. Mayor Lucas's Twelfth Amended Order takes effect at 10 p.m. today and expires contemporaneously with expiration of the State of Emergency, unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in a subsequent order in the interest of public health.

“In early November, COVID-19 cases were rising at a concerning rate, our hospitals were at capacity, and our community was trending in a concerning direction—but, together, we stabilized,” **said Mayor Lucas.** “Thanks to thousands of Kansas City families reimagining this holiday season; changing beloved traditions; and sacrificing travel and time with far-away loved ones to help us get through this difficult moment, we lowered COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths. But our work is not done and today we are again presented with tough decisions as we work to keep our community safe and

our economy open. I know our COVID-19 guidelines have saved lives. I also understand regional alignment—creating consistent and concise guidelines so businesses throughout our metro can operate on an equal playing field—is important for continued community compliance. While restaurant, tavern, and bar closing hours will push to midnight, Kansas City government will continue to direct all establishments to strictly adhere to masking, social distancing, and capacity requirements, and will continue to strongly enforce our rules. Tomorrow, I will also be introducing a measure that would provide several opportunities for deferred business tax payments and fee waivers.”

“I am pleased that many frontline workers have been inoculated,” **continued Mayor Lucas**. “We will continue working to ensure our vaccination process is efficient and equitable, with availability to all, including our underrepresented Black and brown communities. Thank you to all who have sacrificed so much over the past 10 months, particularly those over age 65 and in at-risk groups. We must remain diligent about wearing our masks, avoiding large crowds, and washing our hands. Brighter days are on the horizon.”

“January is on track to be one of our busier months regarding COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths,” **said Dr. Carney**. “Although vaccination distribution is underway, our local healthcare workers continue to focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19. We need your continued help in protecting our busy hospitals by decreasing your risk of infection. It remains as important as ever to wear masks, socially distance, and wash your hands frequently.”

#### **Twelfth Amended COVID-19 Order**

Restaurants, taverns, and all other venues, including wedding and other event spaces, may extend their closing hour from 10 p.m. to midnight to create better regional alignment, while continuing strict capacity and social distancing requirements—coupled with Kansas City government utilizing its robust enforcement apparatus—to keep patrons safe.

Additional guidelines are as follows:

- Restaurants, taverns, bars, and all other venues, including wedding and other event spaces, shall close at midnight, require social distancing between different parties, and limit the number of occupants indoors to no more than 50 percent of building occupancy.

- Indoor and outdoor patrons at these facilities must be seated, and also masked at all times except when actively eating or drinking. Indoor and outdoor parties are limited to a maximum of 10 people and parties shall be spaced with no less than six feet of distance between themselves and individuals from any other parties.
- Restaurants, taverns, and bars must immediately report known COVID-19 cases to the Kansas City Health Department.
- Indoor gatherings are limited to 10 persons maximum.
- Masks must be worn in all indoor spaces with more than one person per room, and outdoor spaces where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Patrons of gyms, fitness, and recreation centers are required to wear masks at all times, and these establishments are limited to no more than 50 percent capacity.

### **Vaccination Efforts Underway**

Mayor Lucas and Dr. Archer today announced that the Kansas City Health Department this week will receive its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines. These 975 initial doses will be used primarily to inoculate all healthcare providers who will be responsible for administering the COVID-19 vaccination to the public on behalf of the Kansas City Health Department, and home-health caretakers and other healthcare workers not affiliated with a hospital or medical group.

Kansas Citians interested in signing up to receive more information about COVID-19 vaccination opportunities should complete an online survey found at [kcmo.gov/coronavirus](https://kcmo.gov/coronavirus).

### **Small Business Assistance**

Mayor Lucas introduced a [proposal](#) in November directing City administrators to review all annual licensing fees for the Kansas City service industry and small, locally-owned businesses, and to identify fees eligible for deferral, reduction, or waiver for establishments that remain in full compliance with Kansas City's Emergency COVID-19 Order, as enforced by Kansas City government.

Following review, Mayor Lucas will introduce an ordinance during tomorrow's City Council meeting that would provide any Kansas City business with annual revenue less than \$2 million the flexibility to defer license tax deadlines until

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April 30, or 60 days after Kansas City's State of Emergency is rescinded, whichever is later.

**Kansas Citizens may submit any COVID-19 order violations to [COVIDViolations@kcmo.org](mailto:COVIDViolations@kcmo.org), or should call 311. Click [here](#) for a full list of FAQs.**

Kansas Citizens interested in signing up for text updates from the City of Kansas City regarding COVID-19 should text COVIDKC to 888-777. For more information, visit the CDC's website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus) or [kcmo.gov/coronavirus](https://kcmo.gov/coronavirus). You may also call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline at 877-435-8411 for questions regarding COVID-19 in Missouri.

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## **KC Pet Project's Animal Services Division Reports Successful First Month**

**Kansas City, MO** – After a transition period with the City of Kansas City, MO, KC Pet Project officially assumed the contract for animal control services for the City on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00am. It was a very busy month for the new division of the organization with 1,064 calls for service in December, which is an increase of 219% in calls for service compared to December 2019.

Notable numbers for the month include:

- Stray/Lost animals able to be returned to owners without impound (Returned in the Field): 36
- Percentage of Impounded Animals Returned in Field: **19%**
- Animals Impounded to Shelter: 157
- Five pets were recovered from the location of the fire at the Waldo Heights Apartment Complex with the help of Kansas City ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) and reunited with their owners.

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**Total Calls by Type Responded to in December 2020:**

Enforcement	71
Cruelty/Neglect Investigations	355
Other Services	77
Stray	498
Wildlife	63

*26% of all of the calls for December were responding to stray dog roaming calls.*

The Animal Services Division officers were also able to distribute resources to the community during their first month, including:

- 200+ pounds of dog and cat food
- 1 doghouse
- 18 doses of flea preventions
- 2 kennels
- 10 outdoor shelters (doghouse or feral cat houses)
- 4 bales of straw

To see a full report on the first month of KC Pet Project's Animal Services Division, visit <https://kcpetproject.org/news/animal-services-report-for-december-2020/>.

To reach the Animal Services Division, residents of Kansas City can call 311 to report any animal control related issues on weekdays between 7am-7pm. Residents can call KC Pet Project's main line at 816-683-1383 on weekends and for after-hours emergency calls. Online reports for animal services calls may be filled out [here](#).

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**1/18 | MLK Jr. Day: Offices/Facilities Closed**

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City and KC Parks offices/facilities will closed on January 18 in honor of MLK Jr. Day MLK Jr.

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**It's time again for the South KC Chamber's annual Community Impact Awards!**

Each year the Chamber honors companies and volunteers who have made the MOST impact in our community. We are asking businesses and community members to help us nominate those who did something to make a positive impact in South Kansas City in 2020.

To qualify, the impact MUST be in the form of a Community Contribution.

*Examples of Community Contributions:*

- Donations raised by employees and customers to support a non-profit initiative or charity

- Reduction in your company's carbon footprint or implementation of sustainable initiative
- Significant donation of time and/or resources toward meaningful investment in South KC
- Educational initiatives that assist employee/ers, customers, and/or the South KC community
- Providing support to another company or organization who is making a difference in South KC
- Initiatives to support employees and/or coworkers who are in need, rides to work, etc.
- Providing mentorship, entrepreneurship, and/or job skills to a person or organization in South KC
- Healthcare initiatives for employees and/or customers that made or will make an impact in their lives
- Initiatives to hire veterans, disabled persons, and/or ex-convicts
- Development investment in surrounding neighborhoods around your company's headquarters

There are MANY ways a company or person (or group of people!) could have impacted South Kansas City in 2020 so please do not feel limited by the list of examples! If you believe someone has made an impact in our region, we want to know about it!

**Nominations will be accepted until 6:00 PM, Friday, January 22, 2021**

Once all nominations are received and reviewed, our secret Chamber judges will narrow down the top submissions for YOU, our Chamber members and community leaders, to vote for a BIG COMMUNITY IMPACT Winner!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION ONLINE](#)

or

[DOWNLOAD FORM](#)

For questions or more information call 816-761-7660 or email [vwolgast@southkcchamber.com](mailto:vwolgast@southkcchamber.com)

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*Pre- Registration is Required*

**Use this Link to Register**

<https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=2730>

**TESTING IS INSIDE THE BUILDING**



*Helping you stay safe!*

## **FREE COVID TESTING**

**Everyone must pre-register online for an appointment at:**  
<https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=2730>

**Location:**

Bruce R. Watkins  
Cultural Heritage Center  
3700 Blue Parkway  
KCMO 64130

**Date:**

Monday, January 4th  
Monday, January 11th  
Monday, January 25th  
Monday, February 1st

**Time:**

9:00am - 3:00pm

**For Information:**

DaRon McGee  
dmcgee@cb-kc.org

**A Special Thanks to Our Community Partners:**





# Harvest Report



Select  
Saturdays  
9:00 AM - Noon

**NOVEMBER**  
7th, 14th, 21st

**DECEMBER**  
5th, 12th, 19th

**JANUARY**  
2nd, 16th

**FEBRUARY**  
6th, 20th

**MARCH**  
6th, 20th

## Winter Market

HJ's Community Center  
6425 Wornall Road

SUSTAINABLE FARMS  
ARTISAN FOOD  
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HOLIDAY GIFTS

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## South KC Mobile Food Pantries

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With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to five sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

**Center District Warehouse**, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

**Evangel Church**, 1414 E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

**United Believers Community Church**, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

**Ruskin High School**, 7000 E. 111<sup>th</sup> St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

**Colonial Presbyterian Church**, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third

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Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

**Center High School**, 8715 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

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## Coronavirus Facts and Resources

### Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to [kcmo.gov/coronavirus](https://kcmo.gov/coronavirus)

### Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a [hotline](#) for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is **877-435-8411**. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

### How to File?

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

- Your Social Security number;

- Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
- The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;
- The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch [this video](#) on unemployment basics. Visit [uinteract.labor.mo.gov](http://uinteract.labor.mo.gov), create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says “COVID-19” in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on unemployment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling:

**Kansas City Claims Center: [816-889-3101](tel:816-889-3101) or visit**

[Missouri Unemployment Website](#)

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and

Workers: <https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus>

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>

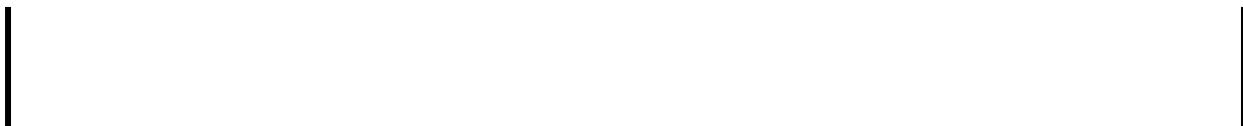
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# 2020 at a Glance

<p><b>5,754</b> individuals / 1,378 families served by all programs</p> <p>Services Valued at \$929,527</p>	 	<p><b>631</b> individuals / 181 families did not become homeless (received emergency rent or temporary shelter)</p> <p>Valued at \$188,678</p>
<p><b>4,943</b> individuals / 811 families received hygiene items</p>  <p>Valued at \$52,110</p>	<p><b>5,123</b> individuals / 825 families received 173,917 healthy meals to avoid hunger</p>  <p>Valued at \$516,851</p>	<p><b>922</b> individuals / 279 families were able to maintain basic quality of life with heat, AC and water (received emergency utilities assistance)</p> <p>Valued at \$84,343</p>
<p><b>295</b> individuals / 85 families received transportation assistance</p>  <p>Valued at \$5,639</p>	<p><b>2,757</b> individuals / 414 families received case management at CAC or were referred to other community partner services</p>	<p><b>139</b> individuals / 66 families received medicine or medical equipment</p>  <p>Valued at \$23,639</p>

With your support, CAC is able to help our south Kansas City neighbors avoid homelessness, keep lights and heat on, put food on the table, receive medicines, have transportation and get connected to other critical services. *Thank you.*

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A PROGRAM OF THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION

FACILITATE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC ■ MEDIA ■ LAW ENFORCEMENT TO MAKE THE METRO A SAFER PLACE

**102** FELONY ARRESTS

**149** CASES CLEARED

**4,617** TIPS RECEIVED

**\$65,650** REWARDS PAID

**58** FUGITIVES CAPTURED

**7** HOMICIDES SOLVED

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BEST TV PSA  
BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

**\$12** MILLION DRUG TIP ARREST



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