



Dear Neighbor,

As we hope for another Super Bowl victory for our beloved Kansas City Chiefs, before the game **PLEASE contact your friends, neighbors, relatives and social media contacts and urge them not to engage in celebratory gunfire if our Chiefs win.**

I attended and spoke at a media event this morning at Kansas City police headquarters and listened to the heartfelt plea of Michele Shanahan-DeMoss for persons not to engage in celebratory gunfire, and if they know someone who might do it, to try to talk them out of it. It was hard for me not to break down and cry listening to her.

She lost her only daughter, 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane, who died after being struck by celebratory gunfire here on July 4, 2011.

In the nearly ten years since her daughter was slain she has partnered with Kansas City police officers and others to spread the word about how dangerous such gunfire is and has personally gone door-to-door to educate people about the dangers of celebratory gunfire and to plead with them not to use guns as noise makers.

She explained her daughter was killed by a bullet fired approximately three football fields away.

“There’s no telling where a bullet will land,” she said.

Kansas City police spokesman Sgt. Jake Becchina said at the press event that bullets shot in the air return to earth at almost the same velocity as when they were fired and can be deadly. **He too urged people to counsel their friends, relatives and acquaintances not to engage in such dangerous behavior.**

“The conversation you have can save somebody’s life,” Becchina said.

He had pointed out earlier this year that occupants of 12 homes in KCMO reported to police that their residences were hit by indiscriminate gunfire during

the recent New Year's holiday.

In an effort to deter this dangerous and irresponsible practice, two of my House colleagues and I have introduced three very similar bills to make discharging a firearm with criminal negligence within or into city limits a state offense that carries stiffer penalties instead of just a city ordinance violation.

These bills – House Bill 99 I introduced, House Bill 722 introduced by Rep. Rory Rowland of Independence and House Bill 795 introduced by Rep. Nick Schroer of O'Fallon in St. Charles County – have all been assigned to the House General Laws Committee I serve on and are awaiting a committee hearing.

Turning to another matter, please scroll down and look at my February 4 remarks during our Black History Month ceremonies that I made to the entire Missouri House recognizing three of the many people who have been most responsible for founding the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and assuring its continued success – John “Buck” O’Neil, Coach Don Motley and Bob Kendrick.

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



REPRESENTATIVE SHARP'S REMARKS TO THE MISSOURI HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 4 RECOGNIZING LEADERS OF THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM AND ASSURE ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS

Most people here probably know about the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum located in the historic 18th and Vine District in Kansas City. But in honor of Black History Month, there are three people I want to talk about in particular who helped shape and develop this outstanding museum over the years.

You cannot mention the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and not mention John "Buck" O'Neil.

Let me tell you just a little about Buck O'Neil. He came to the Kansas City Monarchs in 1938 as a first basemen, and was a great first basemen and then the manager for the Monarchs for over 15 years where he served as a mentor for Hall of Famer Ernie Banks.

Then he moved on to the Chicago Cubs as a scout, and probably his most notable signing was of Hall of Famer Lou Brock who went on to spend most of his illustrious Major League career with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Buck later became the first African-American to coach in the Majors in 1962. He later returned to Kansas City to become a scout for the Kansas City Royals in 1988.

Upon his return, **Buck dedicated much of his free time to creating the museum to tell the full story of the Negro Leagues and its incredible athletes so they could get the respect they so richly deserved.**

To tell you a little about Buck's character, when a special committee established by the National Baseball Hall of Fame scheduled the announcement in February 2006 of its selections of under-represented Negro Leagues players, managers and executives to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, hundreds of Buck's supporters gathered at the museum expecting Buck to surely be selected.

From a preliminary list of 94 candidates, the committee picked 39 finalists and then selected 17 of them by secret ballot for induction, including several from the Monarchs. Buck was not one of them.

But while briefly expressing his disappointment not to be selected, Buck was elated that so many Negro Leagues figures were finally getting the recognition they deserved after being overlooked for so long. Instead of the crowd having to console him, Buck consoled the crowd!

He went on to speak at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony that summer for the honorees who were all deceased. Buck passed away in October of that year, one month before his 95th birthday.

But Buck's legacy is now a major part of the Hall of Fame which in 2008 established the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award which is presented every three years. Winners receive a small replica of the life size bronze statue of Buck that now has a prominent place in the Hall.

And when we talk about the museum, we must honor Don Motley, its executive director from when it started in a tiny office in 1991 through its 1997 move to its present 10,000 square foot facility in a museum complex it shares with the American Jazz Museum until his retirement in 2008.

Coach Motley was the first African-American coach in the American Legion and Ban Johnson amateur leagues in Kansas City where he coached the Milgram Mustangs for 41 years. As an NCAA Division 2 scholarship athlete, I played for Coach Motley for two summers. I can truthfully say he taught me more about the fine points of the game and the importance of concentrating on my studies to prepare for future success than my college coaches.

Coach Motley passed away in 2016 at age 89. His brother, Bob Motley, then the last living umpire from the Negro Leagues, passed away in 2017.

The president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum since 2011 is Bob Kendrick, and how lucky the museum, the sport of baseball and the state of Missouri are to have someone like him to be the current voice for the great athletes who played in the Negro Leagues, many of whom broke the barriers of segregation to go on to star in the Major Leagues.

Soon after becoming president, Bob jumped right in to telling this story to the thousands of baseball fans from around the country who came to Kansas City to attend the 2012 All Star Game.

Bob Kendrick has been the greatest spokesman for the museum and the Negro Leagues since Buck's passing, and because of

Bob's drive and determination to see Buck's vision fulfilled, the museum continues to be successful.

One of the museum's notable events is its annual Hall of Game ceremony, which honors former Major League Baseball greats who played the game with the spirit and signature style of Negro Leagues stars.

And there's also Dress to the Nines Day at Kauffman Stadium when many fans attend the game in their church attire like fans would on Sundays during the Negro Leagues era.

And the museum is poised for even greater success.

Just last month, the museum and the new owners of the minor league Kansas City T-Bones announced that team is changing its name to the Kansas City Monarchs effective this season and has entered into a long-term licensing agreement for use of that name with the museum which owns the rights to the Monarchs name.

Besides royalty payments, the museum also will benefit from having an exhibit about the Negro Leagues at the Monarch's home stadium and a traveling exhibit at away games.

And our own Senator Roy Blunt and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver sponsored legislation that was enacted late last year to mint a coin commemorating the centennial of the founding of the Negro National League in Kansas City in 1920 which is expected to generate a high volume of sales from throughout the country to support museum operations.

And lastly Mr. Speaker, with the help of you and our colleagues in the General Assembly we can pass House Bill 100 that I sponsored or similar legislation to approve a special Negro Leagues Baseball Museum license plate here in Missouri

There are many people to thank for their support that allows the museum to help give the Negro Leagues and its players the long overdue recognition they deserve, but I again want to personally honor the late great Buck O'Neil and Coach Don Motley and our friend Bob Kendrick for their devotion to this important task.



WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE

Friday, February 5, 2021

BILL ATTEMPTS TO NULLIFY MANY FEDERAL GUN LAWS

The House of Representatives on Feb. 4 voted 103-43 to pass legislation that purports to declare a wide range of unspecified federal gun laws and regulations unenforceable in Missouri and empowers those accused of violations to sue law enforcement agencies, cities and counties in Missouri if law enforcement officers they employ knowingly enforce or attempt to enforce

such laws and regulations.

Such federal laws and regulations include any taxes not common to all goods and services and registration of firearms or firearm owners if such taxes and registration “might reasonably be expected to create a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens”. They also would include any federal act forbidding ownership, possession, transfer or use of a firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition by law-abiding citizens.

Law enforcement agencies, cities and counties would be subject to a civil penalty of no less than \$50,000 per occurrence if any of their law enforcement officers enforce or attempt to enforce or give “material aid and support” to others who enforce or attempt to enforce such gun laws and regulations. Such legal actions could be brought by anyone residing or doing business in the jurisdiction where the violation is alleged to have occurred.

The original versions of both House bills that were combined in this legislation (House Committee Substitute for House Bills 85 & 310) allowed persons to sue individual law enforcement officers as well as the agencies, cities and counties that employ them for enforcing or attempting to enforce such federal laws and regulations.

Furthermore, both bills originally made any federal agent or other federal employee who enforced, attempted to enforce or gave material aid and support to enforcing or attempting to enforce such laws and regulations “permanently ineligible to serve as a law enforcement officer or to supervise law enforcement officers for the state or any political subdivision of the state”.

Fortunately in my opinion, these provisions were dropped from the version of this legislation that the House passed.

This legislation now advances to the Senate for consideration, where similar legislation already is pending.

I am not an attorney, but it seems extremely likely that if this legislation passes the Senate and actually becomes law that it will be struck down by the courts as unconstitutional. It is based on the discredited 19th century concept of

nullification that individual states can reject federal laws they object to. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled states have no such authority, describing nullification in one case as “illegal defiance of constitutional authority.”

RULE AGAINST GUNS ON CAMPUS LARGELY UPHELD

The Missouri Court of Appeals Western District on Feb. 2 largely upheld a University of Missouri System rule prohibiting firearms on its four campuses while striking down a portion of the rule regarding the storage of firearms in personal vehicles parked on university grounds.

An MU law professor challenged the UM System rule barring firearms in 2015, claiming it runs afoul of a 2014 state constitutional amendment that revised the gun-rights provisions of the Missouri Constitution. However, the Missouri Supreme Court subsequently ruled in several unrelated cases that the 2014 amendment merely restated gun-rights protections as they previously had existed and made no substantive changes or created new rights.

Although a trial judge in 2019 upheld the entirety of the university rule, which had existed for many years prior to the 2014 amendment, the three-judge appellate panel said a portion of the rule barring firearms that are stowed out of sight in locked vehicles on campus is pre-empted by state law that specifically allows state employees to keep weapons in their vehicles. The panel agreed with the trial judge that the rest of the rule passed constitutional muster.

“We conclude that to the extent the Rule prohibits state employees from having a firearm that is not visible in the employee’s locked vehicle on state’s property while the employee is conducting activities within the scope of his or her employment, the Rule is in conflict with (state law) and is therefore void,” Judge W. Douglas Thompson wrote for the court.

“Our holding does not extend to the remainder of the Rule, which also prohibits the possession of weapons and explosives, and the ‘discharge of firearms, weapons, and explosives on University property,’ as such prohibitions are not in conflict with (state law). Likewise, our holding does not impede the University’s further regulation of firearms where such regulation is not in

conflict with the express mandatory directive of (state law).”

The case, is *State ex rel. Eric Schmitt v. Mun Choi*. It is expected to be appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT JUDGE STITH TO RETIRE

Missouri Supreme Court Judge Laura Denvir Stith, currently the court’s longest serving member, will resign on March 8, one day after the 20th anniversary of her appointment. Stith announced her pending departure on Feb. 2.

With her 2001 selection by then-Gov. Bob Holden, Stith became just the second woman to serve on the state’s highest court and replaced the first, Judge Ann Covington, who served from 1988 until retiring in 2001. Holden appointed another woman, Judge Mary Rhodes Russell, to the Supreme Court in 2004, but she has been the last, with appointments to all five subsequent vacancies going to men.

Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Stith served six years on the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District. On the high court, she did a two-year stint from 2007 to 2009 as chief justice, a post that rotates among the court’s seven members. Although her current term runs through 2026, she would have been required to step down in October 2023 upon reaching the mandatory judicial retirement age of 70.

Stith’s departure marks the first vacancy on the state Supreme Court since Judge Richard Teitelman died in November 2016. It will give Gov. Mike Parson his first high court appointment.

Under the Missouri Nonpartisan Court plan, however, Parson won’t be able to pick whomever he wants to replace Stith. Instead, the seven-member Appellate Judicial Commission will select three finalists from among the applicants. Parson must choose one of those finalists or forfeit the decision to the Commission.

BILL ADVANCES TO LIMIT COVID-19 LAWSUITS

After about 15 hours of discussion, the Missouri Senate on Feb. 3 gave first-round approval to legislation granting businesses, religious organizations and medical providers immunity from most lawsuits relating to alleged wrongful exposure to COVID-19. A second vote is necessary to advance it to the House of Representatives for consideration.

As originally filed, Senate Bill 51 would have provided near blanket immunity from COVID-related claims. During the course of debate, however, the bill was amended to continue to allow lawsuits against businesses and medical providers in cases where an exposure resulted from “recklessness or willful misconduct” and the plaintiff was injured as a result. Religious organizations still would be exempt from lawsuits unless the plaintiff proves an intent to harm.

Many business groups including area Chambers of Commerce have been pushing for such legal protections ever since the pandemic began last spring. To date, no such lawsuits in Missouri have been reported.

During his recent State of the State address, Gov. Parson urged lawmakers to make COVID liability protections the first legislation they send him to sign into law this year.

CHIEF JUSTICE DISCUSSES REFORM

In the annual State of the Judiciary comments, Missouri Supreme Court Justice George Draper, III, said the state’s judicial branch is continuing to develop and implement reforms to “build a culture of respect and fairness” and ensure the system treats all people equally under the law.

“Our judicial branch does not work as intended if we are not trusted to provide a fair and impartial forum for all people to have their cases heard and decided,” Draper said. “In recognition of this constitutional imperative, we also continue the courts’ efforts to address implicit bias and institutional racism that exist systemically throughout our country.”

Draper, who is just the second African-American judge to sit on the state’s highest court, said all lawyers licensed to practice in Missouri are now required to undergo at least one hour of implicit bias training each

year as part of their required hours of continuing legal education. Judges and court staff also must participate in such training, he said.

The annual State of the Judiciary report typically is delivered in the House chamber before a joint session of the Missouri General Assembly. However, Draper instead submitted his comments to lawmakers in writing due to COVID-19 concerns.

Draper also discussed the judiciary's efforts to keep Missouri courts functioning in the pandemic, implement uniform standards for specialized treatment courts and bolster courthouse security. Draper's term as chief justice ends July 1, although he will remain a member of the court.

GRAND JURY INDICTS LAWMAKER ON 20 FELONY COUNTS

A federal grand jury has indicted freshman State Representative Tricia Derges, R-Nixa, for wire fraud, illegally distributing prescription drugs and making false statements to investigators. Federal prosecutors unsealed the 20-count felony indictment on Feb. 1.

Derges was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in November but has been in office less than a month. She operates medical clinics in Springfield, Branson and Ozark and is accused of marketing fraudulent stem cell treatments for various ailments, including COVID-19. Derges pleaded not guilty during her initial court appearance and has maintained her innocence in social media posts. Two days after the indictment, House Speaker Rob Vescovo, R-Arnold, called on Derges to resign.



News from the
City Communications Office

City of Kansas City, Missouri
kcmo.gov

Emergency warming center opens at Kansas City Convention Center
City expands care for those experiencing homelessness

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Jan. 29, 2021

The City is expanding its work to care for the unhoused by opening a new cold weather shelter at the Kansas City Convention Center. This location replaces the warming center that opened this month at Garrison Community center and expands the capacity to 150 beds each night with additional capacity available as needed.

“The COVID pandemic is unfortunately pushing more people into the streets, not just in KCMO but across the entire country,” said City Manager Brian Platt. “We are rapidly deploying additional resources and support for our unhoused population from multiple city departments and also in collaboration with a variety of community leaders and groups. Our community partners have been and continue to be the key to successful support of our unhoused population here in KCMO.”

Like Garrison, the new operation is also the Scott Eicke Warming Center, named after a man who died in the cold on New Year's Day 2021.

Here are details about the warming center’s operation:

- Those who need shelter should enter the convention center at 13th & Central.
- The warming center is open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., now through March 31, 2021.
- 150 beds are available each night, up from the 65 beds available at Garrison, with additional capacity available as needed.
- It will be staffed by city employees, and staff and volunteers from community agencies such as reStart and the Greater KC Coalition to End Homelessness.

The warming center at Garrison Community Center opened Jan.14, and has been operated by KC Parks with community volunteers from the Greater KC Coalition to End Homelessness, and the Creative Innovative Entrepreneurs.

“Our solution today is long overdue and makes common sense. When so many lack resources, it’s important for Kansas City government to do all we can to keep people warm, healthy, and safe,” Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas said. “I have experienced homelessness and know it comes in many forms. Kansas City will continue to work with community leaders for short-term and long-term solutions to find safe, quality, and warm housing for everyone in Kansas City.”

“reStart is always here to be a part of the solution to ending homelessness in Kansas City,” added Stephanie Boyer of reStart. “This is one step. We must also stay focused on long-term solutions.” This year the City has invested \$8.5 million to serve those experiencing homelessness, using COVID relief funding to help those thrown into poverty due to the pandemic and loss of jobs. This funding supports 24 community organizations that provide housing, emergency shelter, outreach, counseling, rent and utility assistance and other services to KCMO residents.

This includes the City’s new family cold weather housing program, using rooms in a local hotel. Families that need temporary lodging should contact Hope Faith, the agency operating the shelter for the city, at 816-471-4673. All 28 available rooms are currently in use, and we are working to help them find permanent housing.



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 CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

VIRTUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 9 AM – NOON
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84171402158>

IN PERSON
SATURDAY, FEB. 27, 9 AM – NOON
Municipal Arena, 301 W. 13th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.

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Thursday, February 25, 2021

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What is Music Bingo?

Music Bingo is just like regular bingo but with song titles in each square. In advance each player will be emailed a Music Bingo Card. When it is time to play, players will tune-in to a live broadcast website featuring Faulkner's Ranch's very own Ranch-J Entertainer who will start the game.

The game is played by listening to a short clip of a song and marking the square if you have it on your card. You are welcome to sing along if you know the song. When a player thinks they have BINGO they simply text a picture of the card to the Faulkner's Ranch -J/Entertainer for verification.

Individual Player - \$20

- 1 Bingo card

Additional Bingo Cards - \$5/each

(Maximum of 3 additional cards per person)

Gold Sponsor - \$250

(Limit 1)

- 4 Bingo Cards
- Company logo on Bingo cards
- Company logo on Zoom screen
- Opportunity to do a two-minute "Commercial" about your business
- Recognition in the March issue of the Chamber's electronic newsletter
- Recognition on the Chamber website
- Recognition on Chamber's Social Media

Silver Sponsor - \$150

(No Limit)

- 2 Bingo Cards
- Company logo on Zoom screen
- Recognition in the March issue of the Chamber's electronic newsletter
- Recognition on the Chamber website
- Recognition on Chamber's Social Media

Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM CST

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Reservations requested by 2/22/2021

You must register to participate and a Zoom link will be emailed along with your Bingo card(s) a couple of days prior to the event from Faulkner's Ranch DJ.

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For questions contact the Chamber Office at
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WEBINAR
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SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Join the FDIC's Alliance for Economic Inclusion of Kansas City webinar on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. where we will discuss Small Business Resources to support and enhance low-income entrepreneurs and small disadvantaged businesses development and growth. Due to COVID-19, small businesses struggle to access the resources needed to stabilize their business. The webinar is targeted to small businesses in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area and broad area. In addition, this webinar will assist CRA officers, Small Business Bankers, Loan Officers, and Community Development Lenders and community organizations to help meet the needs of small businesses in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

This webinar is **FREE!**



For more information contact:

Teresa Green 816-234-8084 email: tegreen@fdic.gov

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- Food is available once for anyone. Clients out of service area should visit Harvesters website or United Way 211 for pantry in their area.
- Pre-packed food boxes include Giving the Basics hygiene items.
- Please just leave one message. Calls will be returned.

South KC Mobile Food Pantries

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. 103rd 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. 111th 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 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.

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

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.

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, 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 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>

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>

The February 2021 issue of Kansas City's Most Wanted is now available.

Your monthly delivery of Kansas City's Most Wanted is here! Take a look at this month's local fugitives and see if you recognize anyone. If so, submit an anonymous TIP and you could receive a cash reward! No one will ever know except you.

TIPS can be anonymously submitted via the following methods:

- The TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477)
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