



The latest on
CORONAVIRUS
kcmo.gov/coronavirus

Dear Neighbor,

With the Coronavirus at the top of our minds each day, I thought it would be useful to provide everyone with a guide to the different resources that are available for the people of Kansas City/Jackson County.

The House will not be in session until Monday, April 6th. My office is still available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues via email. Please be patient with our response time as we are experiencing an influx of emails due to the concerns about COVID-19. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant [Brian Farmer](#) is ready to help you.

Feel free to forward this email to your friends and family who want to

know the latest information about what is happening in the Capitol and how it will impact Missourians. Be safe and God bless.

Yours in Service,

Mark A. Sharp



The CORE 4 partners of Jackson County, Missouri; Johnson County, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas based on the urgency of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the imminent rapid progression of the pandemic in our area, announce that beginning Tuesday, March 24, residents will be directed to stay at home except for essential needs. All jurisdictions will issue orders that will stay in effect for 30 days from the effective date of March 24, with consideration after 30 days of whether to prolong these orders beyond that date, based on public health and critical care metrics available at that time.

Examples of essential businesses and services that will remain

open during this time period include critical government services, infrastructure projects, childcare, healthcare, grocery stores, pharmacies, and delivery/carry out/drive-through services from restaurants. Additional details are forthcoming.

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**.

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.

During this urgent and unprecedented public health crisis, the United Way of Greater Kansas City wants to remind you of the referral services available through 211, a one-stop resource for community relief – food, financial help, utility assistance, tax services and more. Through 211, callers are connected to more than 8,000 programs run by nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the 23-county United Way 211 service area. For assistance, visit 211kc.org or dial 211.

Kansas City's website has a [page](#) dedicated to the coronavirus. It has the latest updates on the state of emergency proclamations, orders and [Changes in City](#)

[Operations and Online Resources](#). The page includes resources such as a [Guide for Businesses and Organizations](#) and links to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [KCMO Health Department](#).

Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCHD)

1. Call (816) 513-6008 for general help and information:
2. Email at: health@kcmo.org.
3. Visit in person, Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Kansas City, Mo. Health Department: 2400 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO 64108

Jackson County Health Department

1. <https://www.jacohd.org/> or call (877) 435-8411

[KMBC](#) has a good website that has a list of local resources and home preparedness fact sheets.

Grocery Stores and Local Businesses Hrs for Seniors

Hy-Vee: Between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., an hour which is now set aside for those 60 and older, pregnant women and those who consider themselves at high-risk for COVID-19.

Dollar General: First hour of business each day will be dedicated to Senior Customers

Hen House Markets: The first hour Hen House Markets are open are reserved for shopping by seniors and guests with disabilities. Normal store opening hours are still in place, but all stores around the Kansas City metro will close at 8 p.m

Target: They are reserving the first hour of shopping every Wednesday to allow elderly

shoppers and those with underlying health concerns easier access to groceries and other household items in its stores

Whole Foods Market: Stores in the Kansas City and nationwide will service customers who are 60 and older one hour before opening to the general public, under the new adjusted hours posted on the store's web page. For example, if a store's new hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., customers who are 60+ can shop starting at 8 a.m.

Cosentino's Price Chopper: 7-8 a.m.

Meals on Wheels: Located in: [North Kansas City Hospital](#)

[Address:](#) 2800 Clay Edwards Dr, Kansas City, MO 64116

[Phone:](#) [\(816\) 691-5322](#)

SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS

GO TO THE WEBSITES BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS FOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS DURING THE CURRENT CLOSURE.

Kansas City Public Schools

www.kcpublicschools.org

Click on Food Distribution.

CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.center.k12.mo.us

Click on COVID 19 and then click on MEALS.

GRANDVIEW C-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.grandviewc4.net

Click on District COVID 19 Information, then click on GC-4 Meal Distribution Plan & GC-4 Meal Delivery Schedule.

HICKMAN MILLS C-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.hickmanmills.org

Click on District Announcements, then click on MEALS and then click on Meals Page.

Please Visit KC City Hall website dedicated to COVID-19 for [Coronavirus FAQ's](#)

The City encourages everyone to watch public meetings [online](#) or on [Channel 2](#) and submit public comments by [email](#).

Missouri State Resources

24 hour hotline: 877-435-8411

or <https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/>

Unemployment

Kansas City Claims Center: 816-889-3101 or

[Missouri Unemployment Website](#)

PLAYING IT SAFE!

PLAYGROUNDS & COURTS ARE CLOSED

PARKS & TRAILS REMAIN OPEN

PLEASE PRACTICE COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CDC:

DO NOT USE PARKS IF YOU FEEL SICK

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING~KEEP 6' BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS & GATHER IN GROUPS OF 10 OR LESS

WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE / AFTER USE OF PARKS FACILITIES

SHARE TRAILS & SIDEWALKS~WARN OTHERS OF YOUR PRESENCE AS YOU PASS



Stimulus Package Takeaways

As I'm sure that many of you have heard, the federal government has passed a recent stimulus package that will provide assistance to people in need who are suffering through this economic crisis. While there are many components of the stimulus package, I just wanted to highlight a few key features of the bill. I do encourage everyone to read this New York Times [article](#) which answers many questions that you may have about your stimulus eligibility, unemployment benefits, student loans, and retirement. Also to get an idea of what you could be receiving from the federal government, please review this [article](#)

from Washington Post that has a stimulus payment calculator. Please reach out to my office if you have any questions.

Key Takeaways:

1. Most adults would get a one-time payment of \$1,200, although some would get less. For every qualifying child age 16 or under, the payment would be an additional \$500.
2. The amount varies based on certain criteria. Please see [article](#)
3. You **DO NOT** need to apply to receive payment. IRS has your info and will Direct Deposit
4. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin [said](#) he expected most people to get their payments within three weeks. However, it could take up to 2 months.
5. Those on Social Security, Disability and currently unemployed will also get a stimulus payment

Unemployment Benefits

1. The new bill would wrap in far more workers than are usually eligible for unemployment benefits, including self-employed people and part-time workers
2. Gig workers, freelancers, and independent contractors would be newly eligible
3. If you have Covid-19 or care for a family member who does have, and are unemployed then your covered
4. If your ordered by a health care provider to quarantine, then you would be covered
5. If your employer has shut down due to the Coronavirus and you are unable to work, your covered
6. This bill leaves out people who are able to work from home, currently receiving paid sick leave/family leave, new entrants to the workforce
7. If your currently receiving unemployment benefits then those benefits would be extended 13 weeks
8. If unemployment benefits have recently run out then you can reapply

Is there any relief for renters in the bill?

Yes. The bill would put a temporary, nationwide eviction moratorium in place for any renters whose landlords have mortgages backed or owned by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other federal entities. This will last for 120 days after the bill passes, and landlords also can't charge any fees or penalties for nonpayment of rent.

Please see the [article](#) for more information

LSR7 COVID-19 Communication **Meal Services**

Any student 18 years and younger can receive a breakfast for the next day and a lunch for the current day Monday through Friday at the locations below.



Drive-Thru 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parents may drive up and request meals needed per child.

Trailridge Elementary

3651 SW Windemere Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64082

Prairie View Elementary

501 SE Todd George Pkwy., Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Lee's Summit North High School

901 NE Douglas St., Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Bus Delivery Volunteers will hand out meals from buses.

11 - 11:30 a.m.

11:45 - 12:15 p.m.

- ▶ Ashbrooke Apartments
- ▶ Sage Crossing Apartments
- ▶ Knollbrook Street
- ▶ NE Ridgeview Drive & NE Swann Road
- ▶ Crossroads of Lee's Summit Apartments

- ▶ Westvale Crossroads
- ▶ Oxford Place

Meals are for students only; not adults.
For questions regarding the meal plan,
contact Lori Danella at (816) 986-2206 or
lori.danella@lsr7.net.

lsr7.org/coronavirus

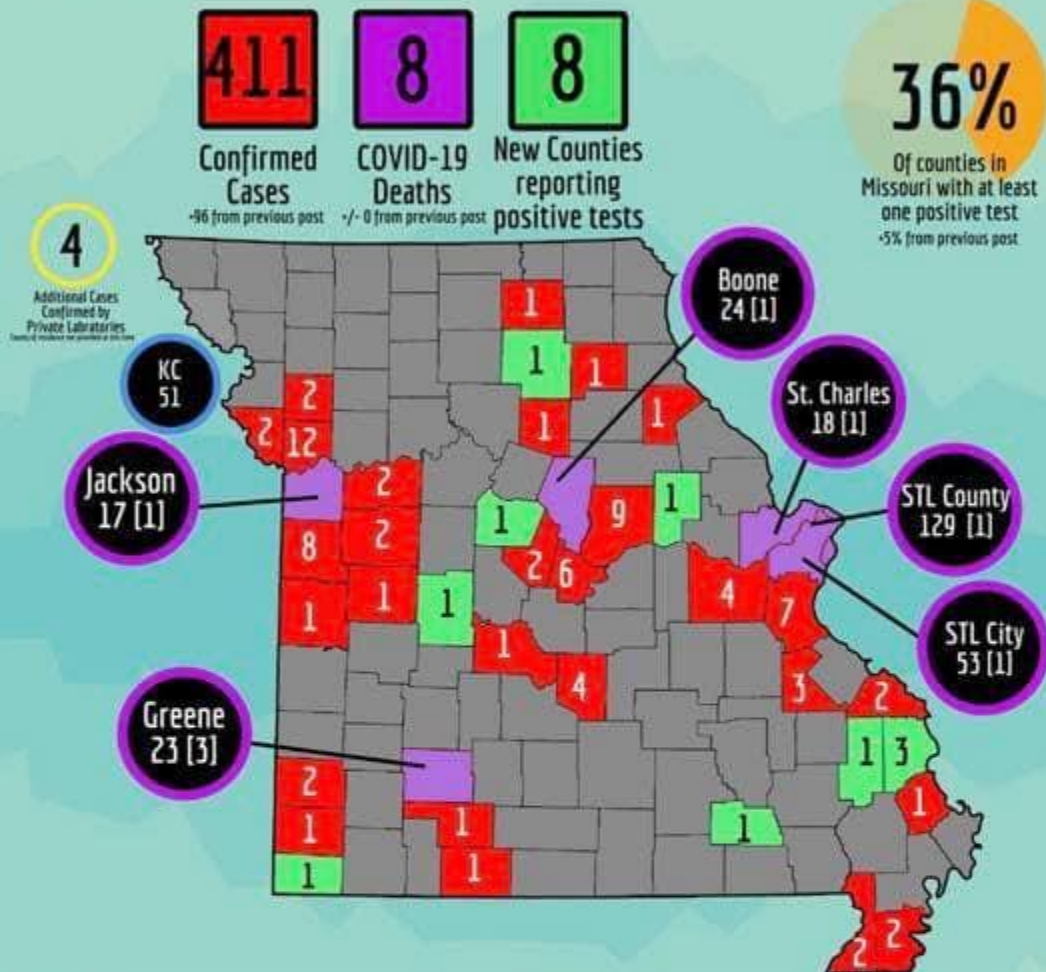
Services begin Monday, March 23, 2020.

Missouri COVID-19 Positive Case Report, by County 03/25 as of 9:35p

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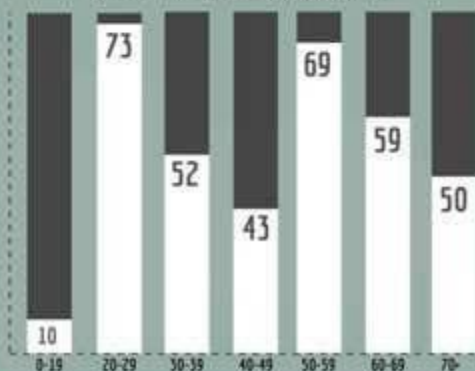
Statistics pulled from and compared against:
Official statements or releases from the Missouri governor
Releases from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Releases and public statements from regional health departments
Releases from the Centers for Disease Control
<https://coronavirus.1point3acres.com>

And a tremendous amount of crowdsourced information supplied organically through both Facebook and Twitter



Age Distribution of COVID-19 Positive Cases in Missouri

Based on data made publicly available by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. May not include every individual case reported positive in the state of Missouri.



Age distribution of COVID-19 Deaths Reported in Missouri



Important Medical Information

HOSPITALS

Children's Mercy-2401 Gillham Rd, Kansas City 64108

Emergency(816) 234-3430

Non-Emergency.....(816) 234-3000

Volunteer Services(816) 234-3496

North Kansas City Hospital(816) 691-2000

2800 Clay Edwards Dr, Kansas City 64116

Emergency(816) 691-2098

Research Medical Center - Brookside Campus.....(816) 276-7000

6601 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City 64134

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CENTER.....(816) 942-4400

1000 Carondelet, Kansas City 64114

Saint Luke's

4401 Wornall Rd, Kansas City 64111

Non-Emergency.....(816) 932-2000

Pharmacy(816) 932-2107

Nurse Line(816) 932-6220

Samuel Rodgers(816) 474-4920

2701 E 31st, Kansas City 64128

Truman Medical Center.....(816) 404-7000

7900 Lee's Summit Rd, Kansas City 64139

Transportation(816) 404-3375

Veterans Hospital Medical Center.....(816) 861-4700

4801 E Linwood Blvd, Kansas City 64128

The Family Health Care location at 300 Southwest Blvd. in Kansas City, KS, will offer testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Patients with a doctor's prescription can get tested for COVID-19. Call 913-722-3100 or by visiting www.sleefhc.org.



COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS vs. COLD vs. FLU vs. ALLERGIES

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19*	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
Fever	Common (measured at 100 F or higher)	Rare	High (100-102 F), can last 3-4 days	No
Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Intense	Sometimes
General aches, pains	Sometimes	Slight	Common, often severe	No
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Slight	Common, often severe	Sometimes
Extreme exhaustion	Sometimes (progresses slowly)	Never	Common (starts early)	No
Stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Rare	Common	Common	No
Cough	Common	Mild to moderate	Common, can become severe	Sometimes
Shortness of breath	In more serious infections	Rare	Rare	Common
Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Diarrhea	Sometimes	No	Sometimes**	No

* Information still evolving.

** Sometimes for children.

Sources: DHSS, CDC, WHO, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

Monday, March 30th, 2020

PARSON RELUCTANT TO SHUT DOWN STATE OVER COVID-19

While leaders in many Missouri cities and counties, including its most populous, have instituted orders closing most businesses and mandating, with limited exceptions, that people stay home in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Mike Parson remains reluctant to impose such restrictions statewide, as governors in other states have done.

As the COVID-19 crisis has unfolded in recent weeks, Parson, a Republican, has supported local leaders' actions but stressed that such decisions should be made locally based on local circumstances. In particular, he's asserted that urban areas are better equipped to deal with communitywide shutdowns than rural areas.

"It is much harder to go into a rural community and start mandating businesses to shut down when they don't have the infrastructure, the resources or the plan in place that an urban area does," Parson said at his March 19 press briefing. Parson stuck to that position during subsequent briefings.

Parson did later order the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to limit gatherings throughout Missouri to no more than 10 people as of March 23. That same day, he also closed the Capitol and all other state office buildings to both the public and most employees. Only those whose jobs require them to be physically present to perform their duties, such as prison workers, are excluded.

Also on March 23, the Missouri State Medical Association sent Parson a letter stating that "a statewide 'shelter-in-place' order is the only way to curb the exponential spread of COVID-19 in Missouri."

“If things progress as is, COVID-19 patients will deplete the state’s available hospital beds, ventilators, and precious personal protection equipment,” the letter said. “Any additional time without a ‘shelter-in-place’ requirement wastes crucial healthcare resources, including manpower.”

Most counties in the Kansas City and St. Louis metro areas have instituted stay-at-home orders, as have Boone, Cole, and Greene counties, among others. Several cities around the state, including Branson, Columbia, Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Springfield, have also issued such orders.

On March 25, Parson requested that the Trump administration approve a major disaster declaration for the entire state to provide federal assistance for state and local COVID-19 response efforts.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UNLIKELY TO RESUME ANYTIME SOON

Although the governor has urged lawmakers to return to the Capitol as soon as possible to pass a supplemental budget bill including new spending authority to address the COVID-19 pandemic, that won’t be happening until at least the first full week of April, and maybe not even that soon.

The House of Representatives is scheduled to hold a procedural session on March 30 in which only a handful of lawmakers will be present and no votes will be taken. However, House Speaker Elijah Haahr, R-Springfield, informed House members and staff on March 25 that the chamber would not be in session at all for the remainder of the week.

The Senate held a brief procedural session on March 26 and adjourned to what could be another procedural session on April 3. When either chamber returns for full session remains uncertain as legislative leaders try to minimize the spread of COVID-19, which has already infected one lawmaker – state Rep. Joe Runions, D-Grandview. Runions was hospitalized for more than a week before being allowed to go home, where he

continues to recover.

The House passed its version of the supplemental budget bill on March 18 before starting its scheduled spring recess. House Bill 2014 contains new spending authority for various aspects of state government for the remainder of the 2020 fiscal year, which ends June 30. Although the bill's Republican sponsor included \$33 million in emergency spending authority to help address the current crisis, that amount is far less than what House Democrats argued will be needed and what Parson, also a Republican, is likely to ask the Senate to provide.

With many Missouri businesses closed and many thousands of people suddenly out of work due to COVID-19, the state budgets for both FY 2020 and FY 2021 are expected to take major hits. Parson likely will be forced to impose budget withholdings for the current fiscal year to reflect the sharp decline in revenue collections. Implementing midyear budget cuts will be all the more difficult since only about three months remain in the fiscal year and the bulk of the state budget for the year has been spent.

During his March 24 press briefing, Parson acknowledged that the FY 2021 budget proposal he submitted to lawmakers in January will have to be substantially cut. While his proposal expected state general revenue to grow 1.9 percent next fiscal year, collections instead will likely go down. The question yet to be answered is by how much?

"There is no doubt the budget we proposed is going to change," Parson said. "None of the numbers we proposed in January are now realistic."

The House Budget Committee passed on its version of the FY 2021 budget bills on March 15 in expectation of passing them prior to the House adjourning for spring break. However, Republican leaders ended up shelving the budget debate by the full House until it returns from its now-extended break.

To reflect the new financial reality, the House might have to completely rewrite the

budget before sending it to the Senate. Lawmakers face a May 8 constitutional deadline to grant the final passage to the budget bills. The 2021 fiscal year begins July 1.

On a Lighter Note.....

My Top Netflix Picks

For those of us who are stuck at home quarantined right now, here are some movies and shows on Netflix that you might enjoy as we continue the social distancing to flatten the curve.

1. **Spencer Confidential**
2. **Hook**
3. **TNMT 1&2**
4. **Spiderman into the Spider-verse**
5. **Dark Knight**
6. **Any Given Sunday**
7. **House of Cards**
8. **Punisher**
9. **All American**

My Legislation

[HB2107](#)- Modifies residency requirements for the A+ Schools Program

[HB2169](#)- Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence

[HB 2635](#) - Provides that the period of detention on arrest without a warrant is 48 hours for criminal offenses involving a dangerous felony or deadly weapon

[HB 2636](#) - Modifies provisions regarding the expungement of records

[HB 2690](#) - Establishes a Negro Leagues Baseball Museum special license plate

Update: [HB2169](#) was passed out of General Laws Committee by a vote of 12-1. The bill has moved to the Rules Committee.



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