

**THE DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WITH SUPPORT FROM
THE DADE COUNTY COMMISSION AND MAYORS OF DADE COUNTY
HEALTH ORDINANCE #032020**

Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Order of Social Distancing

WHEREAS, the Dade County Health Department Board of Directors and Dade County Commission on this 31ST day of March, 2020, at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held, considers the matter of declaring a public health emergency to address the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency to address COVID-19 and prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and on respiratory droplets and poses a serious health risk for Dade County residents and visitors, especially older adults and persons with underlying medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, any large gatherings of persons may accelerate the spread of COVID-19 in Dade County and increase the health risk to the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 192.300 RSMo. and CSR 20-20.050(3), the Dade County Health Department Board of Directors and Dade County Commission are authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous disease, such as COVID-19, into the County, including, among other things, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in Dade County, Missouri, and the exercise of all emergency power not otherwise in conflict with any rules or regulations authorized by the Department of Health or the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198 RSMo.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Dade County Health Department Board of Directors and Dade County Commission adopt an order declaring a state of emergency in Dade County beginning at 8:00 am, April 1, 2020 and lasting until 11:59 pm on April 24, 2020, unless extended as needed or terminated upon subsequent order declaring the emergency no longer exists.

IT IS ORDERED that there shall be no public gatherings of 10 or more people, and makes it unlawful for anyone to organize or attend gatherings exceeding that size. This does not apply to educational institutions, daycare facilities, essential business operations, grocery stores, municipal facilities, or other activities which cannot constitutionally be closed in these circumstances and that can demonstrate a sufficient mitigation plan for infectious disease is in place. With questions and to better understand mitigation plan guidelines; please contact the Dade County Health Department.

IT IS ORDERED that all food establishments close their dining rooms, serving customers only by drive-thru, curbside pickup, or delivery; and

IT IS ORDERED that local businesses consider closing to the public unless they can demonstrate a sufficient mitigation plan for infectious disease is in place, including preventing the gathering of 10 people or more in their facilities and on their property, assuring individual spacing of at least 6 feet within their facilities and on their property, assuring frequent handwashing by employees, assuring routine cleaning of commonly touched surfaces and items within their facilities, limiting entry to their facilities by vendors, guests, and drivers from outside of Dade County with specific protocol in place.

IT IS ORDERED that all residents act in the best interest of protecting the health of the whole Dade County community by following public health recommendations:

- Staying home, to the maximum extent possible, avoiding contact with persons outside the home.
- Avoiding public places and travel except for attending work at an Essential Business; obtaining food supplies, medicine, medical treatment; and participating in individual outdoor recreational activities.
- Limiting time spent in gatherings where 2 – 9 people are present.
- No social gatherings with groups of 10 or more people.
- Social distancing (6 foot rule);
- Good personal hand hygiene by frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or by using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol as a second option when soap and water are not available.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces daily in common areas (e.g. tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches, faucets, computer keyboards, remote controls, vehicles, desks, etc.).

ENFORCEMENT Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, or both such as jail time and fine. See RSM. Sec. 192.320

ADOPTED by the Dade County Health Department Board of Directors and the Dade County Commission, this 31ST day of March 2020.

Sharon Abbjetti Chairman of the Board of Directors
Dade County Health Department, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Randy Dail Presiding Commissioner
Dade County, Presiding Commissioner

Pamela Allen Administrator
Attested: Pamela Allen, Administrator