

**Order of the Columbia/Boone County
Public Health and Human Services Director**

Boone County Order No. 2020-08C

**Notice and Issuance of Rules and Regulations regarding Gatherings in
Boone County – Extension of Reopening Plan – Phase 2, Step 3**

**JURISDICTIONAL NOTE – These Rules and Regulations apply to all areas
within Boone County outside the city limits of the City of Columbia.**

Facts

1. The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States.
2. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”).
3. COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that has been spreading rapidly worldwide since approximately December 2019.
4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency and the Governor of Missouri declared a state of emergency in Missouri.
5. As of June 16, 2020, in the United States the SARS-CoV-2 virus has been responsible for over 2.1 million cases of COVID-19 resulting in over 116,000 deaths.
6. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has warned against large gatherings of people:
“Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies.”
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>.
7. In addition, the CDC has urged restriction on the size of any gathering consistent with local conditions.
8. The CDC has raised particular concern about the health and susceptibility of high-risk individuals. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf>.


of State Regulations, incorporated by reference in Boone County's Code of Health Regulations, Chapter 8.

18. Boone County's Code of Health Regulations, and the terms of this Order, apply to all areas of Boone County except those areas within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia. See RSMo Secs. 192.300 and 192.310.

19. Pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.050, the local health authority is empowered to order quarantines, isolations, and closings of schools and places of public and private assembly in order to protect the public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing facts and the authority that exists under federal, state and local law, I declare that SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 are contagious diseases that are or may become epidemic in the County and enact the regulations for Boone County as Boone County's Reopening Plan – Phase 2, Step 3 previously entered as Order 2020-07C. The rules and regulations set forth in Order 2020-07C shall remain in full force and effect as if fully set forth herein and **will expire on August 10, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. unless extended, rescinded, or modified prior to such expiration.**

So Ordered.


Stephanie Browning
Director, Columbia/Boone County
Department of Public Health and Human
Services

7.10.2020
Date