

TENTATIVE AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING  
105 E. CENTER ST.

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020  
11:00 A.M.**

“Meeting shall be convened with Council members participating via videoconference.  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
- III. OPENING PRAYER
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6192, Repealing Ordinance #6189-City of Sikeston Stay-at-Home Order
  - B. Other Items as May Be Determined During the Course of the Meeting
- VI. ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation (RSMo 610.021(1))
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

Rhonda Council  
Rhonda Council, Deputy City Clerk

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# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: April 29, 2020

Originating Department: City Manager

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Ordinance 6192, Repealing Ordinance 6189 Regarding COVID-19

Attachment(s):

1. Emergency Bill 6192
2. Press Release Regarding Governor's "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan
3. Department of Health and Senior Services Order Effective May 4
4. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding DHSS Order Effective May 4

Action Options:

1. First and Second Readings and Adoption of Emergency Bill 6192
2. Other Action Council May Deem Necessary

Background:

On April 3, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 6189, adopting a "stay at home" order for non-essential businesses and activities. At that time the State of Missouri had not adopted any binding order to that effect. On April 6, 2020, a stay at home order issued by the Governor did go into effect. At this time, the Governor's order has been extended through May 3, after which time the Governor has indicated that a phased "re-opening" of Missouri will take place beginning May 4. Attached are a press release regarding the Governor's plan, an order from the Department of Health and Senior Services that goes into effect May 4, and Frequently Asked Questions about that order.

In order to align the local stay at home order with the state regulations, it is suggested that the Council repeal Ordinance 6189 effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, and allow local response and restrictions related to the COVID-19 to fall under the State's order. This will simplify compliance with the law by private citizens and businesses, and will align local efforts to re-open the economy with state-wide efforts.

In summary, the new order from the State sets forth the following:

- Gatherings are not limited to a certain number of people, but individuals should at all times practice social distancing by maintaining at least six feet of separation from other people, except for:
  - Members of the same household,
  - Individuals performing job duties that require closer contact than six feet. When job duties require closer contact, enhanced precautionary measures should be taken.
- People shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance or in end-of-life circumstances.
- Businesses engaged in retail sales shall limit the number of individuals in their locations to 25% of the legal occupancy limit for locations with less than 10,000 square feet, and 10% of the legal occupancy limit for locations with 10,000 or more square feet.
- Restaurants may offer dine-in services as long as parties are seated at least six feet apart, parties are not seated at connecting tables, and parties are no larger than ten people.
- Gyms and hotel swimming pools may open insofar as they maintain social distancing.
- Places of worship may hold in-person services as long as social distancing is maintained and practices such as shared communal cups are avoided.
- Traditional summer activities such as utilizing aquatic facilities, community centers, fitness centers, libraries, organized athletics and camps may go on but adjustments to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 are encouraged.
- Events in larger venues such as sports stadiums, concerts, funerals, weddings, or movie theaters may go on but seating shall be spaced so as to comply with social distancing.
- These regulations will be in effect May 4 through May 31, 2020.

City staff is currently assessing operations and activities and will adjust access to parks and other facilities effective Monday, May 4. Those adjustments will be announced on the city's website and Facebook page.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6189 REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CONDUCT OF ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES, BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 6189, declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing certain orders regarding the conduct of essential and non-essential businesses, business operations, and activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, a state-wide stay at home order by the Governor went into effect; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s order and amendments thereto have been extended through May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to bring the local COVID-19 related regulations into alignment with state regulations of the same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as follows:

Section I. Ordinance 6189 of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, is repealed effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020.

Section II. General Repealer: Any other ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section III. Severability: Should any part or parts of this Ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section IV. Emergency Clause. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure in order to enable timely action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to coincide with changes in State of Missouri regulations regarding the same.

Section V. Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6192 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 29th day of April 2020.

B. Bill Number 6192 was read the second time this 29th day of April 2020, discussed and voted as follows:

Evans \_\_\_\_\_, Williams \_\_\_\_\_, Settles \_\_\_\_\_,  
Merideth \_\_\_\_\_, Self \_\_\_\_\_, Sparks \_\_\_\_\_,  
and Burch \_\_\_\_\_, thereby being \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Ordinance 6192 shall be in full force and effect beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020.

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Steven Burch, Mayor

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Approved as to Form  
Tabatha Thurman, City Counselor

Seal/Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carroll L. Couch, City Clerk

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# GOVERNOR PARSON ANNOUNCES FIRST PHASE OF "SHOW ME STRONG RECOVERY" PLAN TO BEGIN MAY 4



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APRIL 27, 2020

**JEFFERSON CITY** □ During today's COVID-19 briefing, Governor Mike Parson announced the first phase of the "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan outlining how Missouri will gradually begin to reopen economic and social activity on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Governor Parson was joined by Missouri Hospital Association President and CEO Herb Kuhn, MO HealthNet Director Todd Richardson, Missouri Department of Economic Development Director Rob Dixon, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) Director Dr. Randall Williams, and Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten.

"With favorable data and approval from state health officials, we are ready to take another step forward in the recovery of Missouri," **Governor Parson** said. "Today, I am announcing phase one of our 'Show Me Strong Recovery' Plan, which will begin Monday, May 4 and extend through Sunday, May 31."

Resting on four essential pillars, the "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan is intended to protect those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 while returning Missouri to a new normal:

1. Expand testing capacity and volume in the state
2. Expand reserves of PPE by opening public and private supply chains
3. Continue to monitor and, if necessary, expand hospital and health care system capacity, including isolation and alternate care facilities for those that cannot self-quarantine at home
4. Improve ability to predict potential outbreaks using Missouri's public health data

This framework will allow the state to work through a gradual reopening, leading to broader economic recovery.

During phase one of the plan, citizens may begin returning to economic and social activities but must adhere to social distancing requirements, including maintaining six feet of space between individuals in most cases. There are currently no limitations on social gatherings as long as necessary precautions are taken and six feet of distance can be maintained between individuals and/or families.

Additionally, all businesses can be open provided that the social distancing guidelines set forth in the new health order are followed. Some businesses will be required to take additional precautions to protect their employees and the public, such as occupancy limits at retail locations.

"All of Missouri's businesses, employers, and employees are vital to our state's economy and well-being," **Governor Parson** said. "Opening these businesses is going to look very different for awhile, but I'm confident Missourians will abide by the guidelines as we move forward."

This will be a deliberate and data-driven process that allows for flexibility based on changing situations.

Some communities may be able to reopen at a faster rate than others. Local officials will have the authority to put further rules, regulations, or ordinances in place so long as they are not inconsistent with the statewide order.

Even as Missouri gradually reopens, citizens are encouraged to continue taking precautions to protect themselves and others:

- Stay home if sick
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer



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- Avoid touching your face
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of elbow
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces
- Avoid socializing in groups that do not readily allow for appropriate social distancing
- Minimize travel to the extent possible

Additionally, all businesses are encouraged to do the following:

- Implement basic infection prevention measures informed by industry best practices
- Modify physical workspaces to maximize social distancing
- Minimize business travel
- Develop an infectious disease preparedness and response plan
- Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider
- Encourage telework whenever possible and feasible with business operations
- Return to work in phases and/or split shifts
- Limit access to common areas where personnel are likely to congregate and interact
- Ensure that sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance

"As we begin to reopen, we will be prepared, but the virus is still here. Protect yourself and the people you love. Take care of each other," **Governor Parson** said. "Together, we will defeat COVID-19. Together, the state of Missouri will come back stronger than ever before."

For more information on the "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan, please visit **ShowMeStrong.Mo.Gov** (<https://showmestrong.mo.gov/>).

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([https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MOGOV/2020/04/27/file\\_attachments/1437023/Show%20Me%20Strong%20Recovery%20-%20Phase%201%20Guidance.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MOGOV/2020/04/27/file_attachments/1437023/Show%20Me%20Strong%20Recovery%20-%20Phase%201%20Guidance.pdf)) for additional guidelines for businesses, communities, and citizens. These documents will also be available on **Governor Parson's website** (<https://governor.mo.gov/>), the **DHSS website** (<https://health.mo.gov/>), and the **Show Me Strong Recovery website** (<https://showmestrong.mo.gov/>).

Pictures from today's briefing will be available on Governor Parson's **Flickr page** ([https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_www.flickr.com\\_photos\\_govmikeparson\\_albums&d=DwMFaQ&c=GSntNbUav5AC0JJlyPOufmfQT3u3zI7UKdoVzPd-7og&r=ep\\_vY\\_YZvQO4gTTTzhrHgwLWzZKFmXwbuV1ci7zYS-A&m=PeTA3Mh2Ufyz671v\\_qydxV4KsUU74IFE6HRQH9b4Sa0&s=GA7kCb12uRewu7mWs\\_3VqS-CJQNKBDnaGjh7rTMNY1A&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.flickr.com_photos_govmikeparson_albums&d=DwMFaQ&c=GSntNbUav5AC0JJlyPOufmfQT3u3zI7UKdoVzPd-7og&r=ep_vY_YZvQO4gTTTzhrHgwLWzZKFmXwbuV1ci7zYS-A&m=PeTA3Mh2Ufyz671v_qydxV4KsUU74IFE6HRQH9b4Sa0&s=GA7kCb12uRewu7mWs_3VqS-CJQNKBDnaGjh7rTMNY1A&e=))).

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**Randall W. Williams, MD, FACOG**  
Director



**Michael L. Parson**  
Governor

April 27, 2020

The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, finding it necessary to protect public health and prevent the further spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the authority granted under section 192.020, RSMo, and 19 CSR 20-20.040, hereby order the following:

1. When individuals leave their homes or places of residence to work, to access food, health care, necessities, or to engage in other activities, they should at all times practice social distancing. Individuals may go to and from an individual's place of worship, provided that limitations on social distancing are properly adhered to.
2. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every person and business in the State of Missouri shall abide by social distancing requirements, including maintaining six feet (6') of space between individuals. This provision shall not apply to family members or individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet (6'). Individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet (6') should take enhanced precautionary measures to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19. This provision shall apply in all situations, including, but not limited to, when customers are standing in line or individuals are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces.
3. In accordance with the guidelines from the President, the CDC, and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, people shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance or in end-of-life circumstances. Elderly or otherwise vulnerable populations should take enhanced precautionary measures to mitigate the risks of contracting COVID-19.
4. Any entity that employs individuals that is engaged in retail sales to the public, shall limit the number of individuals in any particular retail location as follows:
  - (1) Twenty-five (25) percent or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy, as set by local authorities, for a retail location with square footage of less than ten thousand square feet (10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>);
  - (2) Ten (10) percent or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy, as set by local authorities, for a retail location with square footage of ten thousand square feet (10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) or more.
5. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic school year. At the discretion of the school district, nothing in this Order shall prohibit school teachers, school staff, students, and parents from reentering school buildings in order to work, retrieve personal belongings, or return school property as long as limitations on social distancing are properly adhered to. Summer school may

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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will be the leader in promoting, protecting and partnering for health.

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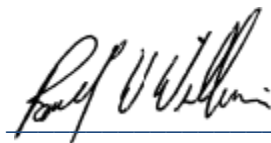


proceed under guidelines set forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Notwithstanding section 2 of this Order, nothing in this Order shall prohibit daycares, child care providers, or schools from providing child care in accordance with CDC guidelines. Further, this Order does not prohibit schools from providing Food and Nutritional Services for those children that qualify.

6. Restaurants may offer dining-in services, provided that the limitations on social distancing and other precautionary public health measures, including proper spacing of at least six feet (6') between tables, lack of communal seating areas to parties that are not connected, and having no more than ten (10) people at a single table, are properly adhered to. The continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged throughout the duration of this Order.
7. State office buildings shall be open to the public as soon as practicable, and essential state functions shall continue. The State Capitol Building shall remain open to the public during meetings or proceedings of the General Assembly.
8. Pursuant to section 44.101, RSMo, this Order shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict the lawful possession, transfer, sale, transportation, storage, display, or use of firearms or ammunition during the declared state of emergency, subject to the provisions set forth herein.

Pursuant to section 192.290, RSMo, this Order shall be observed throughout the state and enforced by all local and state health authorities; provided however, nothing herein shall limit the right of local authorities to make such further ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders not inconsistent with this Order which may be necessary for the particular locality under the jurisdiction of such local authorities. Local public health authorities are hereby directed to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Order by any legal means.

This Order shall be in effect beginning 12:01 A.M., Monday, May 4, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 P.M., Sunday, May 31, 2020, unless extended by further order of the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services with said extensions not to exceed the duration of the effective period of Executive Order 20-09.



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Randall W. Williams, MD, FACOG  
Director



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## **Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan: Phase I Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions**

Missouri's economic recovery plan will focus on the diversity of Missouri – its people, businesses, communities, and infrastructure, among others. A strategic “re-opening” of Missouri's economy will not be successful without proactive steps taken to mitigate risk of COVID-19 resurgence by our state's businesses, communities, and citizens.

While the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has issued guidance on what the federal government considers “essential businesses,” Governor Parson believes that ALL of Missouri's businesses and employers are vital to our state's economy and individual well-being.

### **General Guidelines to Reopen Missouri's Economy**

During Phase I, we can gradually start to reopen economic and social activity. This will be a deliberate process, and is flexible to adapt to the situation. Some communities may be able to reopen at a faster rate, while others may need to continue restrictions to keep the virus from spreading. During Phase I, we should limit our activity and interactions and continue to maintain social distancing and practice good hygiene to protect our neighbors and ourselves.

The plan to reopen the economy and get Missourians back to work is based on ensuring a healthy workforce by:

- Flattening the curve and expanding healthcare capacity, while utilizing federal programs and deploying state resources;
- Making decisions based on Missouri-specific data and medical expertise;
- Protecting healthcare workers, first responders, and other direct care workers so that our citizens have access to the care they need;
- Looking after our most vulnerable and at-risk populations;
- Partnering with community leaders and incorporating flexibility based on each community's circumstances;
- Slowing and containing the spread of COVID-19; and
- Implementing a measured approach to mitigate risk of a resurgence.



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The ability to reopen Missouri's economy rests on both our healthcare system and our healthcare suppliers. Together, we will accomplish the following goals:

- Rapidly expand testing capacity and volume in the state, including testing for those who are currently contagious and those who have developed immunity to the virus;
- Expanding reserves of personal protective equipment (PPE) by opening public and private supply chains, and continuing to utilize Missouri businesses in that effort;
- Continuing to monitor and, if necessary, expanding hospital and health care system capacity, including isolation and alternate care facilities for those that cannot self-quarantine at home; and
- Improving the ability to predict potential outbreaks using Missouri's public health data.

### **General Guidelines for Missourians**

- Citizens who feel sick should stay home
- Continue to practice good hygiene, including:
  - Washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces;
  - Avoiding touching your face;
  - Sneezing or coughing into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow; and
  - Disinfecting frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Avoid socializing in groups that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (receptions, trade shows, etc.). When in public (parks, outdoor recreation spaces, shopping malls, etc.), individuals should maximize physical distance from others.
- Minimize travel to the extent possible.

### **General Guidelines for Business**

- Prepare to implement basic infection prevention measures informed by industry best practices, regarding:
  - Protective equipment;
  - Temperature checks;
  - Testing, isolating, and contact tracing; and
  - Sanitation, including disinfection of common and high-traffic areas (entrances, breakrooms, locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with the public/customers).
- Modify physical workspaces to maximize social distancing.
- Minimize business travel.



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- Develop an infectious disease preparedness and response plan, including policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing when an employee tests positive for COVID-19.
- Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.
- Develop, implement, and communicate about workplace flexibilities and protections, including:
  - Encouraging telework whenever possible and feasible with business operations;
  - Returning to work in phases and/or split shifts, if possible;
  - Limiting access to common areas where personnel are likely to congregate and interact; and
  - Ensuring that sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance.

### **General Guidelines for Communities**

- Closely monitor and track the containment, spread, and any resurgence of COVID-19, and adjust plans as necessary.
- Limit situations where citizens cannot maintain social distancing.
- Facilitate widespread testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic citizens.
- Work to protect the most vulnerable populations.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Under guidance from the federal government, we are considered an “essential business.”  
How does this order affect me?**

This order applies to ALL Missouri businesses. Businesses that are categorized as “essential” by the federal government should continue current operations, and incorporate our General Guidelines for Business outlined above.

Businesses that were considered “non-essential” by the federal government may resume operations in Missouri in accordance with the Order and these guidelines.

**What if my job requires me to be within six feet (6’) of another employee and/or customer?**

The social distancing requirements do not apply to individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet (6’).



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Businesses and employees should work together to implement public health and safety measures for employees and customers, using the above direction as a guide, in addition to any guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Under these conditions, businesses such as barber and cosmetology shops, hair salons, and tattoo parlors are allowed to operate.

Gyms and hotel swimming pools can also open if they adhere to strict social distancing and sanitation protocols.

### **Are there restrictions on businesses?**

Yes. Workplaces that are engaged in retail sales to the public must limit the number of customers in each retail location to the following standards based on the workplace's fire or building code occupancy:

- For smaller locations (less than 10,000 square feet), they must maintain 25 percent or less of the authorized occupancy;
- For larger locations (10,000 square feet or greater), they must maintain 10 percent or less of the authorized occupancy.

Employees at the workplace and vendors delivering products into the store are not included in this calculation and do not count toward occupancy limitations.

### **Are grocery stores considered a business “engaged in retail sales to the public?”**

Yes, and such stores are subject to the occupancy limitations in the Order.

Grocery stores are strongly encouraged to set aside hours, outside of regular store hours, to allow third-party grocery delivery services to provide grocery shopping services for their customers. This will allow individual shoppers to shop during regular store hours, and reduce congestion during such times. This will further allow such services to function in an environment where their services may be in excessive demand.

Shoppers at all retail stores are also encouraged, when possible, to limit the number of people shopping in stores to one person per household at any one time. This will better enable all families to access necessary goods in grocery stores, and further reduce the number of individuals necessary to access such goods.



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**My local jurisdiction does not have a building or fire code. Do the limitations on square footage apply to my retail business?**

Yes. If your business is not subject to fire or building code occupancy limitations set by your local jurisdiction, you should calculate your occupancy limits based on the following formula:

For a business with a retail location less than 10,000 square feet:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .25 = Occupancy Limit

For a business with the retail location of 10,000 square feet or more:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .10 = Occupancy Limit

Examples:

- A 40,000 square foot grocery store would be able to have 133 customers in the store at any one time.
- An 8,000 square foot retail store would be able to have 66 customers in the store at any one time.

**My local fire or building code occupancy limitation calculation is lower than that allowed for businesses without any fire or building code limits, or is lower than a neighboring jurisdictions fire or building code limitations. Can I apply the same formula for calculating occupancy for my business as those without a code?**

Yes. You may use either the calculation set forth above for businesses without a fire or building code occupancy limitation, or the calculation applied to your business based upon your specific local jurisdiction fire and building code occupancy limitation, whichever is greater.

Examples:

- My 30,000 square foot retail business has a local jurisdiction fire or building occupancy limitation of 700 people. Using the formula allowing only 10% of the local jurisdiction, I would be able to have 70 customers in my store at any one time. For an identical business without a local fire or occupancy limitation, they would be able to have 100 customers in their store at any one time. Under this guidance, you may have up to 100 customers in your store at any one time.
- My 6,000 square foot retail business has a local jurisdiction fire or building occupancy limitation of 150 people. Using the formula allowing only 25% of the local jurisdiction, I would be able to have 37 customers in my store at any one time. For an identical business without a local fire or occupancy limitation, they would be able to have 50 customers in



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their store at any one time. Under this guidance, you may have up to 50 customers in your store at any one time.

### **My business has a public waiting room with congregate seating. Should I limit access to it?**

Implementing a system where customers/citizens can wait inside their vehicles prior to entering the business is strongly encouraged, as are pre-scheduled appointments to minimize interaction between people. In situations where this is not feasible, such as public transit, medical offices, and parks, entities should develop public health and safety measures using the above direction as a guide, in addition to any guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### **Does this order prevent me from receiving non-emergency healthcare, such as a routine eye exam or dental care?**

Medical providers, such as dentists and optometrists, may provide usual services at their discretion. The social distancing requirements do not apply to individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet (6').

Medical providers should develop and implement public health and safety measures for employees and patients, using the above direction as a guide, in addition to any guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Implementing a system where patients can wait inside their vehicles prior to entering the office is strongly encouraged, as are pre-scheduled and spaced out appointments to minimize interaction between people.

### **May restaurants open their dining rooms?**

Yes. In concert with the Missouri Restaurant Association, we are strongly encouraging restaurants to prioritize public health and safety by implementing measures including, but not limited to, regulating self-serve options such as salad bars and buffets, using disposable menus, and employee use of personal protective equipment if available. Tables and seating shall be spaced out according to social distance requirements.

The continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged.

Food court establishments may operate, but the social distancing and communal seating requirements will prevent them from offering seating.



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### **How do these guidelines apply to childcare facilities?**

Daycares, childcare providers, or schools providing childcare for working families can continue operations, but should follow the CDC guidance targeted for those operations found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>.

### **May I attend service at my place of worship?**

Yes. As long as the social distancing requirements are followed, places of worship are allowed to hold in-person services. Common practices that may occur with worship services, such as hand shaking and shared communion cups, should be avoided. Places of worship are also encouraged to continue use of alternative means of services through streaming services and other opportunities.

### **I am a member of a fraternal organization. Are we allowed to open our building and meet?**

Yes. Fraternal organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles may gather, but must adhere to the social distancing and communal seating areas requirements.

### **Will I still be able to participate in my local parks and recreation organized activities and/or camps this summer?**

Yes. Traditional summer activities such as utilizing aquatic facilities, community centers, fitness centers, libraries, organized athletics, and camps offer a variety of recreational opportunities for Missouri citizens. If these services are offered, we encourage adjustments be considered to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19 between participants, patrons, and staff, such as limiting the number of participants, modifying activities, restructuring programs, and increasing sanitization measures for facilities and participants.

We also advise areas of high touch or high traffic, such as playgrounds, remain closed.

### **Can I attend an event at a large venue or stadium, or go to a movie theater?**

Yes. However, seating shall be spaced out according to social distancing requirements.

This will apply to events such as amusement parks and attractions, concerts, funerals, museums, school graduations and weddings.





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### **How will this order be enforced?**

The State is working with local health authorities to support the order. Local health authorities and law enforcement maintain the same jurisdiction and authority they have always had.

### **Can my local health authority impose requirements that are more restrictive?**

Yes. This Order establishes the minimum requirements that must be complied with statewide. Local health authorities may enforce more restrictive public health requirements for businesses or individuals.

The only exception is the Order from the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services dated March 24, 2020, removing the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a business which is a part of the food supply, whether that be agricultural production, manufacturing, distribution, or sale of food. This limited waiver does not limit the authority of a local health authority from closing or restricting the operations of a retail food establishment.

### **How long is this order in effect?**

The Order is in place through Sunday, May 31, 2020. The Order will be re-evaluated before it expires, and may be further restricted, less restricted, or extended in the current form.