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Gov. Parson Issues Statewide “Stay Home Missouri” Order

As the state's number of positive COVID-19 cases rose above 2,000 with at least one case in 76 of Missouri's 114 counties, Gov. Mike Parson issued the “Stay Home Missouri” Order to help control and contain the spread of the virus. The order, which states that Missourians shall avoid leaving their homes unless necessary, will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 6 and last until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 24.

Parson said, “There comes a time when we have to make major sacrifices in our lives. Many of us make sacrifices each and every day, but now more than ever, we must all make sacrifices. This is not about any one individual person. This is about our families, friends, neighbors, and the entire state of Missouri. For the sake of all Missourians, be smart, be responsible, and stay home, Missourians.”

The governor's order includes specific guidance for staying home, social distancing, businesses and employees, schools, restaurants, firearm sales, and state government buildings.

Some of the guidelines contained in the order include:

- Individuals currently residing within the state of Missouri shall avoid leaving their homes or places of residence.
- All individuals in the state of Missouri shall avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people.
- All public and charter schools must remain closed for the duration of the Order.
- Any entity that does not employ individuals to perform essential worker functions, *as set forth in guidance provided by the federal government*, shall adhere to the limitations on social gatherings and social distancing.
- Any entity that employs individuals to perform essential worker functions, and that is engaged in retail sales to the public, shall limit the number of individuals in any particular retail location as follows:
 - 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 ft²);

- 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 ft²) or more.

The governor's order does not prohibit Missourians from accessing essential services, such as grocery stores, gas stations, and banks. It also does not prohibit engaging in outdoor recreation, provided that necessary precautions are taken and maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including observing the social gathering and social distancing requirements set forth in the order.

The federal government’s detail of “*essential industries*” includes workers who conduct operations and services essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing management functions, among others. They support the medical and healthcare industries, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works. For the full online publication, go to <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>.

The order will be observed throughout the state and enforced by all local and state health authorities. Local public health authorities are directed to carry out and enforce the provisions of the order by any legal means.

The full “Stay Home Missouri” Order can be viewed online at the following link: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MOGOV/2020/04/03/file_attachments/1419322/Stay%20at%20Home%20Missouri%20Order.pdf.

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to call me at 573-751-5471. We are happy to assist in any way possible.

Kindest regards,



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