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## Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency Order for Cass County, Missouri

CASS COUNTY, MO (March 21, 2020) – Cass County Health Department Director Andrew Warlen— in consultation with the Cass County Commissioners – today issued an updated public health emergency order after Governor Mike Parson issued his latest order for COVID-19.

Effective 12:01 a.m. March 22, 2020 until 12:01 a.m. April 6, 2020:

- Every person in the State of Missouri shall avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people. For purposes of this Order, “social gatherings” shall mean any planned or spontaneous event or convening that would bring together more than ten (10) people in a single space at the same time. Included under this order are religious gatherings and ceremonies.
- All restaurants, bars, taverns, clubs and movie theaters are to be closed to the public. Establishments may continue to provide curbside, drive-through, and delivery services.
- People shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance.
- Schools shall remain closed.

We are strongly encouraging those over 60 years of age or with health issues to minimize in-person exposure to others. For those who are younger and in good health, please reach out to those in this group and pick up needed items for those who cannot get items themselves. Remember to drop off items at the door and to not make personal contact. We are continuously monitoring the evolving situation and working to ensure our community is prepared.

To reduce risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19, continue to follow these basic preventative measures:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes using your elbow or shoulder rather than your hands
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces frequently

If you suspect that you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, call your healthcare provider to let them know before seeking care. It is critical that your provider is aware you may have COVID-19 prior to your arrival at a healthcare facility, and that you follow all instructions for arriving at a healthcare facility.

For more information please visit our website at [www.casscounty.com/2450/COVID-19](http://www.casscounty.com/2450/COVID-19) or call the State of Missouri Hotline at 1-877-435-8411.

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