



CLAY COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER



CCPHC Public Health Emergency Order

County of Clay Public Health Emergency Order Amended 01132021

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with now more than 23,009,789 cases of the illness and more than 383,290 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has resulted in 16,525 reported positive cases of COVID-19 in Clay County, Missouri and the deaths of 232 Clay County residents; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 endangers the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within Clay County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, measures that are recommended and considered effective by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") include among other measures, avoiding close contact with other people and covering one's mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when in public settings; and

WHEREAS, the increased spread of COVID-19 also presents a serious threat to the continued effective operation of the local economy within Clay County; and

WHEREAS, wearing a mask or other whole face covering in public venues reduces transmission of the virus, helps keep our businesses open and our economy running, and gets and keeps children in school; and

WHEREAS, in general, large public gatherings lead to heightened risks of large-scale COVID-19 person-to-person transmission; and

WHEREAS, both the number of positive cases and the percentage of individuals tested with positive test results within Clay County continue to increase significantly in the past weeks; and

WHEREAS The Regional Public Health Directors were advised by KC Metro Hospital Chief Medical Officers that the uncontrolled rise in COVID-19 infections has created a dangerously low number of available physical acute care beds in local hospital facilities and significant staffing shortages for health personnel; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the County's responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of Clay County, requiring that masks or other face coverings be worn in public, limiting the size of public

gatherings, ensuring physical distancing, and placing certain other limitations on activities are all measures that can be taken to slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19

WHEREAS, the **Clay Public Health Emergency Order Amended 11172020** was enacted on November 18th, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me under appropriate local, state and federal regulations and other enabling provisions, I, Gary E. Zaborac, Director of Public Health for the Clay County Public Health Center and Health Officer for the County of Clay do hereby order the following:

- That all parts of **Public Health Emergency Order Amended 11172020** dated November 18th, 2020, Phase 2, Step 2 shall remain in place including that all employees or visitors to any indoor public accommodation must wear face coverings in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible or cannot be maintained.
- The following also apply:

Business Operations and Gatherings.

A. Business operations may continue as under the previous emergency order with the following modifications:

1. Restaurants, taverns, and all other venues, including public and private or membership-only event spaces, serving food and drink indoors shall limit the number of occupants to no more than 50 percent of building occupancy, and shall close at 12:00 a.m. Indoor and outdoor patrons must be seated, and masked at all times except when actively eating or drinking. Indoor and outdoor parties are limited to ten (10) or fewer persons and parties shall be spaced with no less than six feet of distance between themselves and individuals from any other parties.

This order is set to begin 12:00A.M., January 14th, 2021 and continues until further notice.

It is so ordered this 13th, day of January 2021.



Director of Public Health
Clay County Public Health Center