Order No. 04042020

April 6, 2020

On March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a National Emergency and Missouri’s Governor Parson also declared a State of Emergency to attempt to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety due to the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus.

On March 30, 2020 President Trump announced previous efforts of slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus would be extended until April 30, 2020.

On April 3, 2020 Governor Parson directed Dr Randall Williams, Director of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to enact a Statewide Stay at Home & Social Distancing Order which is effective until April 24, 2020 unless extended.

Therefore, in order to continue to protect the citizens of Miller County, under authority of 19 CSR 20-20.040 and 19 CSR 20-20.050 I, Michael Herbert, Administrator of Miller County Health Center acting as the Local Health Authority declare the following:

1. Individuals currently residing within Miller County shall avoid leaving their homes or places of residence. When individuals need to leave their homes or places of residence to work, to access food, prescriptions, health care, and other necessities, or to engage in outdoor activity, they should at all times practice social distancing. Individuals may also go to and from an individual's place of worship, provided that limitations on social gatherings and social distancing are properly adhered to.

2. Any entity that does not employ individuals to perform essential worker functions, as set forth in guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) outlined at: https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce shall adhere to the limitations on social gatherings and social distancing set forth in sections 4 and 5 of this Order. Entities that do not employ individuals to perform essential worker functions may request a waiver from the limitation on social gatherings, as set forth in section 4 of this Order, from the Director of the Department of Economic Development, on a form prescribed by the Director. For offices and workplaces that remain open, individuals shall practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19.

3. Any entity that employs individuals to perform essential worker functions, as set forth in section 2 of this Order, and 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 (10,000) square feet;

(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 (10,000) square feet or more.

4. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all individuals in Miller County 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. This includes, but is not limited to, recreational facilities open to the public or to members, conference, event and banquet facilities, wedding venues, social clubs, funerals, churches or any other place of public or private gathering.

5. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the 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 essential worker functions, as set forth in section 2 of this Order, whose job duties require contact with other people closer than six feet (6'). This provision shall apply in all situations, including, but not limited to, when customers are standing in line or individuals using shared indoor or outdoor spaces when outside their residence.

6. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall close and remain closed. Notwithstanding section 2 of this Order, nothing in this Order shall prohibit daycares, child care providers, or schools from providing child care for working families in accordance with CDC guidelines found at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html

Further, this Order does not prohibit schools from providing Food and Nutritional Services for those children that qualify. School teachers and school staff may enter the building as long as they follow the directives set forth in this Order.

7. In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Miller County shall avoid eating or drinking at restaurants, bars, or food courts; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed throughout the duration of this Order. No dining or drinking is allowed inside food or beverage establishments or their patios, lawns, or boat docks. Water-front establishments are to limit numbers of people using their docks while ordering to 10 or less, including staff. Boats are to leave the dock area as soon as order is received.

8. Due to being unable to maintain the 6 ft. social distancing order between individuals, the provider and the customer; nail salons, hair salons, tattoo parlors, massage therapists, estheticians, spas, gyms, tanning facilities, swimming pools including hot tubs open to the public or paying guests or members or any other personal service provider will cease to provide their services or make the aforesaid facilities available to the public. This restriction does not apply to private swimming pools and hot tubs located on individually owned residential lots intended to be used by the owners or renters of a single-family
9. People shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance.

This Order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services, such as grocery stores, gas stations, and banks, or engaging in outdoor recreation, provided that necessary precautions are taken and maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including observing social gathering and social distancing requirements set forth in sections 4 and 5 of this Order. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this Order will expire.

ENFORCEMENT. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a Class A misdemeanor and shall be prosecuted, tried and fined as otherwise provided by law. See RSMo Sec. 192.300. Food and beverage facilities found to be non-compliant may be subject to suspension of their operating permit due to creating an imminent health hazard.

SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of this Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

This Order shall be effective immediately upon my execution whereof, and will remain in effect until at least April 24, 2020 but will be extended based on instructions from President Trump or Governor Parson. This shall expire only upon further order.

SO ORDERED this sixth day of April, 2020

Michael Herbert
Administrator
Miller County Health Center

William Washburn, Board of Trustees President
Date

Vicki Baucom, Board of Trustees Secretary
Date