



March 20, 2020

The Honorable Michael L. Parson
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson:

We stand ready to support you as you take measures to keep Missourians safe and healthy.

As civic organizations representing employers and businesses across the Kansas City region, we strongly support you taking executive action to accomplish social distancing in Missouri to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These actions, which have been taken by other states and local governments in the Kansas City region, include:

1. Order that all gatherings and events across Missouri be limited to groups of no more than 10, while observing the maximum possible social distancing; these restrictions should be in place until public health officials advise that it is safe to relax them
2. Close all schools across Missouri until public health officials advise that it is safe to re-open
3. Order that all restaurants and bars in Missouri transition to take-out or delivery service only, or close, until public health officials advise that it is safe to resume dine-in service
4. Strongly urge that all Missourians avoid non-essential activities and observe social distancing until public health officials indicate it is safe to resume normal activities

The success of our efforts to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and shorten the unprecedented disruption of our economy depends on the public receiving clear and consistent guidance from our leadership about the role each individual must play.

We also urge you to coordinate with the President and our federal delegation to ensure that Missouri receives its fair share of every federal dollar being allocated to help our healthcare providers, local businesses and citizens. We stand ready to help you advocate for the federal funds that will be necessary to support Missouri healthcare providers, local businesses and citizens. We appreciate the measures you have taken to this point, and respectfully ask you to take these additional steps today to protect the public health of all Missourians.

Sincerely,

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