

CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Public Health Emergency Order County of Clinton Order 20-02

WHEREAS, the existence and spread of the COVID -19 virus has resulted in the declaration of a worldwide pandemic, and it is necessary and appropriate to continue protective action to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, a gathering of individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to employ all means available under the law to protect public life, health, safety and property to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19 creating this emergency;

WHEREAS, as of April 30th, 2020 new cases of COVID-19 have shown a significant decrease, and available testing for acute illness has grown to an acceptable level to warrant loosening restrictions in the prior Emergency Order issued by the Clinton County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, I, Blair E Shock, Administrator of Public Health for the Clinton County Health Department and Health Officer for the County of Clinton do find the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Clinton County, and creates a public health emergency situation within the meaning of Chapter 192 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and Title 19 Division 20, Chapter 20 of the MO Code of State Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me under appropriate local, state and federal regulations and other enabling provisions, I, Blair E. Shock, Administrator of Public Health for the Clinton County Health Department and Health Officer for the County of Clinton do hereby order the following:

Public Health Emergency Order 20-01 dated March 26th 2020 is hereby repealed effective 11:59PM May 3rd, 2020.

All Persons shall:

1. Remain home if sick or ill, except to seek medical treatment from a licensed medical provider.
2. Implement personal protective measures, such as staying home when sick, frequent handwashing, and routine cleaning of surfaces.

3. Engage in social distancing by taking responsible efforts to be separated from other individuals by at least six (6) feet.
4. Persons at high risk due to pre-existing conditions or advanced age are advised to remain sheltered at home as much a practical, and should avoid group gatherings.

All Businesses shall:

1. Limit the number or persons in any particular location as follows:
 1. 25% or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy for businesses with square footage less than 10,000ft²
 2. 10% or less of the entity's authorized fire or building code occupancy for businesses with square footage of 10,000ft² or more.
 3. Base occupancy shall be calculated by municipal code, if applicable, or at the rate of 1 person per 30ft² if located in a municipality who's code does not define occupancy load, or for any business located within an unincorporated area of Clinton County.
2. Maintain a distance of at least six feet between all persons if able.
3. Provide alternative protective measures, including but not limited to coverings for the nose and mouth for employees whose regular job duties require them to work closer than six feet from other employees or customers.
4. Continue to permit all employees who are capable to work from their residence or regular place of abode.
5. Require ill employees to exclude themselves from work while sick or ill until such time as employee's symptoms have resolved or they have been cleared to return to work from a licensed healthcare provider.
6. Provide for regular cleaning, disinfection, and other mitigation of risk

Violation of this order constitutes an imminent threat to public health and shall be in violation of RSMo 192.300(4)

This order shall begin at 12:01AM on Monday, May 4th, 2020 and shall be remain in effect until 11:59PM on Sunday, May 31, 2020 unless earlier amended or revoked by the County Health Officer of Clinton County.

It is so ordered this 30th Day of April, 2020

Blair Shock



Administrator / County Health Officer
Clinton County Health Department

Interim Guidance on Group Gatherings

Items below are intended to provide guidance for those who are organizing or attending any social, religious, or business group gathering. They are not part of the order above, but should be used to clarify personal and business requirements related to group gatherings.

- All persons are strongly encouraged to limit attendance at large group gatherings to 25 or fewer persons.
- Church gatherings are permitted so long as they comply with individual distancing requirements as well as reduced occupancy limits as defined for businesses within this order. Churches are strongly encouraged to continue to provide alternative means of electronic attendance for members even as in-person meetings resume.
- Persons at high risk due to pre-existing conditions or advanced age are advised to remain sheltered at home as much a practical, and should avoid group gatherings.
- All applicable business and personal requirements of Public Health Order 20-02 remain applicable for group gatherings.