



## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDER SET TO EXPIRE**

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Effective 11:59pm, Monday, June 15, the Emergency Declaration and Order originally issued by Mayor McMurray on March 16, will expire. The expiration of this order comes at the same time the state's order will expire, as announced yesterday by Governor Parson, effectively reopening the state.

It is important to note the coronavirus is still in our community and efforts must continue to fight COVID-19. A mayoral advisory has been issued with suggestions to employ measures to protect public life, health, safety and property. This advisory is in effect June 16 through June 30.

In accordance with the advisory, the following practices should continue when reasonably feasible:

- When away from your home, practice social distancing and maintain six feet of spacing from one another.
- Avoid visiting nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes or assisted living facilities except to provide critical assistance or in end-of-life circumstances.
- Take enhanced precautionary measures if you are elderly or have underlying health issues.
- Practice good hygiene by washing your hands, using hand sanitizer, avoid touching your face, cover your cough and sneezes, and clean frequently used surfaces and common areas.
- Wear a face covering while in public, especially if using public transportation.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid events of more than 10 people where appropriate distancing may not be practical unless precautionary measures are in place.

All businesses should consider continuing the following practices:

- Restrict access to common areas.
- Maintain at least six feet distancing between employees and require employees to wear protective equipment such as face coverings.
- Require regular handwashing.
- Routinely disinfect common areas and high-traffic areas.
- Take efforts to ensure social distancing by customers and employees.
- Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and require employees exhibiting symptoms to leave the premises and not return until CDC guidelines indicate they should no longer be in isolation.
- Contact the City of St. Joseph Health Department immediately if an employee who has worked onsite in the past 14 days has tested positive for COVID-19.

Businesses that allow the public to enter and that provide goods or services through in-person transactions (e.g. retail, restaurants, services offices, and similar businesses and service providers) should consider continuing the following additional practices:

- Make sanitization products available for use at entryways.
- Post signage and mark floors to designate distances of at least six feet in areas where lines form.
- Prohibit customers from congregating or waiting inside or outside the business when they are not conducting business.
- Space stationary customers who are not part of the same party at least six feet apart at all times.
- Maintain barriers between customers and employees in workstations to limit exposure.
- Restrict person-to-person contact, except when contact is necessary between members of the same household.
- Monitor and limit occupancy to fifty percent of authorized fire or building code occupancy.
- Restaurants, bars and prepared food providers serving customers for dine-in service should require advanced reservations or immediate seating separated from other parties by at least six feet, prohibit customers from congregating or waiting to be seated, and refrain from making reusable condiment containers (e.g. salt/pepper shakers, ketchup bottles, etc.) and menus available to customers unless the containers and/or menus are sanitized between parties accessing them.
- Theaters, private clubs, bowling alleys, and other recreational venues should sanitize surfaces between uses by customers and separate seating from other parties by at least six feet.
- Fitness centers should space cardiovascular exercise equipment to prevent its use within six feet of other equipment and ensure all equipment and personal storage areas are sanitized between uses.
- Salons, tattoo parlors, and others providing services that require person-to-person contact should require advanced appointments and prohibit customers from waiting onsite for service, space employees providing services to ensure social distancing, sanitize all equipment between uses on separate customers, require employees and customers to wear face coverings when possible, and record the name and phone number of all customers, and the dates and times during which they were in the business, for the purpose of contact tracing.

The full Mayoral Advisory Regarding A Local State of Emergency can be found on the city's website at [stjoemo.org](http://stjoemo.org).

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