

## Joint Statement from Five Regional Leaders of Bi-State Government

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. – After meeting today with 15 health care professionals and other key regional stakeholders, St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson, St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page, St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann, St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern, and Madison County Board Chairman Kurt Prenzler have all agreed to take the following proactive measures in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the region:

- Effective immediately and for the next eight weeks, scheduled events and social gatherings with more than 50 people in attendance are prohibited across all five jurisdictions, [as recommended by the CDC](#). This decision will be reevaluated constantly in communication with the region's top health care professionals.
- It is recommended that by at least Wednesday, March 18, 2020, all public, private, charter, and parochial schools across all five jurisdictions close until further notice. This decision will be reevaluated by April 3.
- In Missouri, decisions regarding the mandatory closures of restaurants, bars, and nightclubs remain under consideration and are expected to be made soon.

The COVID-19 outbreak remains a rapidly evolving situation, and available information is fluid. In the meantime, it is vitally important that members of the general public continue to practice recommended preventative measures, such as social distancing and robust personal hygiene, as recommended by the CDC.

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