St. Charles County Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) UPDATE

ST. CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

(as of 4:15 p.m., April 11, 2020)

St. Charles County Government and the Department of Public Health staff are working closely with local, regional, state and federal partners to investigate COVID-19, monitor individuals who may have been exposed to the virus and implement procedures to reduce the spread of illness. Staff is also connecting with community partners in health care, education, businesses, community services and other areas to provide support to those organizations and the clients they serve.

A Message to County Residents from Demetrius Cianci-Chapman, Director of Public Health

For additional St. Charles County COVID-19 video tips, please visit our website.

St. Charles County has launched an online dashboard with updated information on COVID-19 cases in the county, including a Zip Code map and breakouts listing cases by date reported, age, gender and race.

As of this update, the Department of Public Health reports the following:

Persons being monitored	459
Persons who have completed monitoring period	836
Number of tests pending at the Missouri State Laboratory*	7
Number of negative tests*	49
Number of positive tests	349
COVID-19 deaths	13

*Tests are being performed at both the Missouri State Laboratory and through private testing laboratories. The number of negative and pending tests is reported to the Department of Public Health by the Missouri State Laboratory only; private labs do not report pending or negative tests to the health department.

Today's News:

- The Department of Public Health was notified today of the 12th and 13th reported COVID-19 deaths involving St. Charles County residents — a female in her 70s and a female in her 60s who were both residents of Frontier Health and Rehabilitation, St. Charles.
- Today's briefing from the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force - https://www.facebook.com/114664760188697/videos/542978769977805/

For more updates and links to COVID-19 news releases, visit our Latest News web page - https://www.sccmo.org/COVIDNews.

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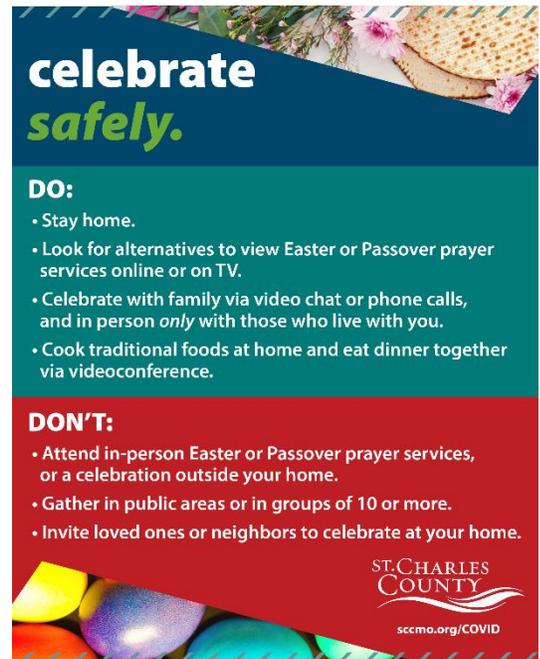## Recommendations for Spring Holiday Celebrations

We understand that coming together and honoring traditions are important — especially during holidays. But, during these challenging times, we ask St. Charles County residents to celebrate safely and to not put themselves or others at risk.

Do's
- Stay home.
- Look for alternatives to view or Easter or Passover prayer services online or on TV.
- Celebrate with family outside your home via video chat or phone calls.

Don'ts
- Attend services or celebrations outside your home.
- Gather in public areas or groups of 10 or larger.
- Invite family or friends to your home for celebrations.

Recommendations for Wearing and Caring For Masks

The CDC recommends wearing face coverings in public settings where additional social distancing methods are difficult to maintain, especially in areas where community spread is present. Using cloth face coverings or approved medical masks can slow the spread of the virus and will help minimize opportunities for transmission by those who may be infected but do not know it. Please note: face coverings should not be worn by children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing or anyone who cannot remove a mask without assistance.

Face coverings should:
- Fit snugly, but comfortably, against the side of the face.
- Cover both the mouth and the nose, but allow for clear vision.
- Be secured with ties or ear loops.
- Include multiple layers of fabric.
- Allow for breathing without restriction.
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage (for cloth coverings).

The CDC website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html) offers templates for creating cloth face coverings.

Additional Help and Available Resources

To help St. Charles County residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, a web page (https://www.sccmo.org/CommunityResources) is updated regularly.

For questions about the pandemic disease, testing and resources available, St. Charles County's COVID-19 Information Hotline (636-949-1899) is answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily or the St. Charles County COVID-19 website is available at https://www.sccmo.org/COVID.

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