St. Charles County COVID-19 *UPDATE*

St. CHARLES COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

(as of 4:25 p.m., July 8, 2020)

COVID-19 Case Report

The Department of Public Health reports the following:

Number of positive test results	1,351
Number of negative test results	26,943
COVID-19 deaths	77
Persons being quarantined	989
Persons released from quarantine	2,669
Number of tests pending at the Missouri State Laboratory*	0

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

Today's News:

- Today's (7/8/20) briefing from the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force.

For more updates and links to previous COVID-19 news releases, visit our Latest News web page.

Additional Information:

Wearing Face Masks in Public Settings Helps Reduce Spread of COVID-19, Protects Others

Along with social distancing and handwashing, masks are beneficial tools in limiting the spread of COVID-19 in St. Charles County. Masks create a barrier that reduces the distance that virus-infected droplets can travel to spread infection to others and should be worn by individuals in public settings or at times when social distancing is difficult.

The type of mask worn isn't nearly as important as it being worn correctly. Masks that do not cover both the nose and mouth, that dangle from one ear or are worn solely around the neck are not effective or beneficial. To put on and take off a mask correctly, wearers should follow a few simple, but crucial, steps:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water before putting on the mask. Only handle the ear loops or ties. Avoid contaminating the center part that covers the nose and mouth.
2. Make certain the mask covers from the bridge of your nose to below your chin and that it stretches to cover from cheek to cheek.
3. Pull the ties so that the mask fits snugly against your face but allows for comfortable breathing and clear vision.
4. If you choose a mask with pleats, it's most comfortable to have the folded sides face downward.
5. If wearing glasses: seal the top of the mask against your check, wear glasses outside the mask and use an anti-fogging treatment on the lenses.
6. Take off the mask in the same way you put it on – only touch the ear loops or ties. Wash your hands with soap and water after removing the mask.

Community Resources Available

To help St. Charles County residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, a web page offers links and phone numbers for organizations offering assistance. St. Charles County's COVID-19 Information Hotline at (636) 949-1899 is answered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon-Fri. In addition, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services operates a 24-hour COVID-19 hotline at (877) 435-8411.

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