

St. Charles County COVID-19 UPDATE



(as of 4:20 p.m., July 17, 2020)

COVID-19 Case Report

The Department of Public Health reports the following:

Number of positive test results	2,134
Number of negative test results	41,884
COVID-19 deaths	80
Persons being quarantined	1,131
Persons released from quarantine	3,217
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:

- News Release Issued: 7.16.20 - [Department of Public Health Moves to Temporary Facility During Building Improvements](#)
- Today's (7/15/20) 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:

Dept. of Public Health Building at 1650 Boones Lick Closes for Improvements, Staff Moves to Temporary Site

Beginning July 20, the Department of Public Health office at 1650 Boones Lick Road will close for several months to enable building improvements. For assistance with department programs, please utilize online/phone services. In-person services and appointments are expected to resume soon. For additional information, please call 636-949-7400.

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. 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 cheek, 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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