

## **BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a state of emergency was declared in St. Charles County relating to the immediate and significant risk posed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the people of St. Charles County that is presented by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (the "CDC") is that there should be limitations on the size of gatherings and other related requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CDC now recommends that gatherings be limited in size to 50 people or less and that events with fewer than 50 people be permitted only if the organizers adhere to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC's guidance dated March 15, 2020 "is not intended to supersede the advice of local public health officials"; and

WHEREAS, to prevent widespread transmission of COVID-19, citizens are advised to stay home as much as possible and to avoid crowds; and

WHEREAS, to minimize the morbidity and mortality caused by COVID-19, citizens are asked to assist their compatriots who are most vulnerable to this disease by helping to keep them safe and supplied in their homes, by ensuring they have the necessities they need to get through this pandemic period; and

WHEREAS, an invocation of the provisions of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, is required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri and St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.050 the St. Charles County Department of Public Health has the authority to quarantine, isolate, or close places of public and private assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE EHLMANN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the County of St. Charles, do hereby amend the Emergency Order entered on March 13, 2020 as follows:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or to attend a gathering of 50 people or more in a single indoor space or enclosure for recreational, social or entertainment purposes.
2. It is advised that vulnerable individuals should not gather in groups of 10 or more. Vulnerable individuals are those who are 60 years of age or older or have any of the following underlying medical conditions: Blood Disorders; Cancer; Chronic Kidney Disease; Chronic Liver Disease; Compromised

Immune System; Current or Recent Pregnancy; Diabetes or other Metabolic Disorders; Metabolic Disorders; Heart Disease; Lung Disease including Asthma or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; Neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions.

3. It is further advised that any person who organizes a gathering of 49 people or less should take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent sanitizing of all surfaces, and posting of signs.

4. This order shall not apply to school attendance, grocery stores, retail stores, means of public transit, or any activity that a court of competent jurisdiction holds cannot constitutionally be closed in these specific circumstances.

4. The Director of the Department of Public Health may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, orders, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Executive Order or the Executive Order dated March 13, 2020, or to define any of the terms used in either order. Mandatory rules, orders, or policies so promulgated shall have the force of law to the greatest extent permitted by federal, state, and county law.

5. This order shall be effective on March 17, 2020, 12:01 a.m. upon my execution hereof and it shall expire only upon further order.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
St. Charles County, Missouri