

## **BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE 20-05**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, a state of emergency was declared in St. Charles County by Executive Order 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 travel limitations to inhibit the spread of COVID-19 through the community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, to limit the spread of COVID-19, to protect the public health, and to provide essential protections to the citizens of St. Charles County, it is reasonable and necessary to impose limited and temporary restrictions on travel outside of the St. Louis Region; 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;

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 declare as follows:

1. All official travel for St. Charles County employees is suspended except for approved travel relating to the County's COVID-19 response or the County's law enforcement functions. Official travel will only be approved if it is designated as critical by the employee's appointing authority or elected official.
2. Employees are encouraged to avoid personal travel to any locations with known COVID-19 community transmission. Any St. Charles County employee who travels outside of the St. Louis metropolitan area for personal travel will be required to receive approval from their appointing authority or elected official before returning to work in a County workspace. Appointing authorities or elected officials will determine, in coordination with daily guidance from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health, whether the employee will be allowed to return to work in a County workspace or if they will be asked to self-isolate for a prescribed period of time. Any employee who is planning to take personal travel should share information about their trip destination and duration with their appointing authority or elected official in advance of the personal travel. No determination will be made about any employee returning to work until after the employee has returned to the St. Louis metropolitan area and communicated with the appointing authority or elected official. Employees will be required to share minimal but essential health information if they seek to return to work. Such information may include responses related to known or suspected COVID-19 symptoms.

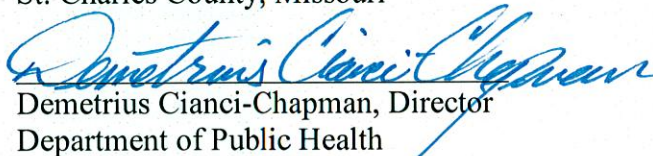
3. The foregoing is intended to protect our employees and our citizens. This situation will be continuously monitored as information changes daily.
4. The Director of the Department of Public Health may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, orders, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Executive Order or the Executive Order dated March 13, 2020, or the amended Executive order dated March 16, 2020, or the amended Executive Order dated March 17, 2020, or to define any of the terms used in those orders. 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. Unless otherwise set forth herein, this order shall be effective on March 19, 2020, 12:01 a.m. upon my execution hereof and it shall expire only upon further order.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



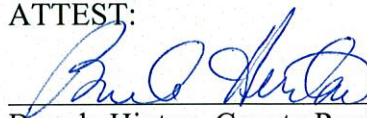
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Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
St. Charles County, Missouri



Demetrius Cianci-Chapman, Director  
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St. Charles County, Missouri

ATTEST:



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Brenda Hinton, County Registrar