

**BY ORDER OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”)
RAPID NOTIFICATION ORDER**

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 the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the disease which causes Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, several executive orders have been issued since authorizing the director of the St. Charles County Department of Public Health (“SCCDPH”) to issue orders, policies, and other rules to implement those executive orders; and

WHEREAS, the SCCDPH has been closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by COVID-19. Infections with COVID-19 have been reported around the world. The first confirmed instance of person-to-person spread of the virus in the United States was reported on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is considered an infectious, contagious, communicable, and dangerous disease for purposes of §§192.020, 192.139, & 193.300 RSMo.; 19 CSR 20-20.020; and other state and local laws. The SCCDPH's director is the "local health authority" pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20.010(24) and has been delegated the authority to act on St. Charles County's behalf for the public health purposes described in §193.300 RSMo.; and

WHEREAS, 19 CSR 20-20.020(2) requires that certain communicable diseases be reported "to the local health authority or to the Department of Health and Services within (1) calendar day" of confirmation of a positive test result. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services recently waived the requirement that such reports be sent to the local health authority but retained the one-day confirmation of a positive test result. Section 192.300 RSMo allows St. Charles County to adopt more restrictive standards than the standards adopted by the state as long as those rules or regulations are not in conflict with rules or regulations authorized and made by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the SCCDPH requires the immediate receipt of test results for COVID-19, the immediate notification of hospitalizations of individuals testing positive for COVID-19, and the immediate notification of deaths caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this order is to require reporting for test results, hospitalizations, and deaths of individuals affected with COVID-19, in order for the SCCDPH to institute appropriate investigation and control measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 in St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, this Order is authorized pursuant to §§192.006, 192.200, and 192.300 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; 19 CSR 20-20.040 and 19 CSR 20-20.050 of the Rules of the Department of Health and Senior Services and by certain Executive Orders, as may be further amended.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEMETRIUS CIANCI-CHAPMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 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 issue the following Public Health Emergency Order:

1. Any laboratory company, licensed healthcare facility or healthcare provider who receives a positive test result for COVID-19 shall report that finding to SCCDPH immediately, but not later than six (6) hours after notification of the result. Such report shall be submitted via secure electronic file in a format provided by the SCCDPH.
 - a At minimum, the report shall include the following patient information: full name; date of birth; address; city of residence; zip code; county of residence; phone number; sex; race; and ethnicity.
 - b At minimum, the report shall include the following provider information: name of licensed healthcare provider who ordered the test; street address, city, state, and zip code of the licensed healthcare provider.
 - c At minimum, the report shall include the following testing information: the type of test; test result; date the test was ordered; date the specimen was collected; the type of specimen; the date the specimen was received by the lab; and the date of the test result.
2. Any laboratory company, licensed healthcare facility or healthcare provider who receives a negative test result for COVID-19 shall report that finding to SCCDPH immediately, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after notification of the result. Such report shall be submitted via secure electronic file in a format provided by the SCCDPH.
 - a At minimum, the report shall include the following patient information: full name; date of birth; address; city of residence; zip code; county of residence; phone number; sex; race; and ethnicity.
 - b At minimum, the report shall include the following provider information: name of licensed healthcare provider who ordered the test; street address, city, state, and zip code of the licensed healthcare provider.
 - c At minimum, the report shall include the following testing information: the type of test; test result; date the test was ordered; date the specimen was collected; the type of specimen; the date the specimen was received by the lab; and the date of the test result.
3. Any hospital that admits a COVID-19 patient for hospitalization, or later determines that a hospitalized patient tests positive for COVID-19, shall report that admission to SCCDPH immediately, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such admission or determination. Such report shall be submitted via secure electronic file in a format provided by the SCCDPH.
 - a At minimum the report shall include the following information: the date the patient was hospitalized; the name of the facility; the address, city, state, and zip code of the facility; whether the patient was critically ill indicated by critical care

status or admission to an intensive care unit; the ICU admission date; the ICU discharge date; whether the patient was mechanically ventilated; and the date of discharge from the hospital.

4. Any provider or person required under §193.145 RSMo to report a death, and any Assisted Living Facility, Intermediate Care Facility, Long-Term Care Facility, Residential Care Facility, or Skilled Nursing Facility, as defined in 19 CSR 30-83.010, shall report any and all deaths to SCCDPH immediately, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the time of such deaths. Such report shall be submitted via secure electronic file in a format provided by the SCCDPH.
 - a At minimum, the report shall include the following patient information: full name; date of birth; address; city of residence; zip code; county of residence; phone number; sex; race; ethnicity; known or suspected cause(s) of death; and all diagnoses at the time of death.
 - b At minimum, the report shall include the following provider information: name of licensed healthcare provider who pronounced the death; and the street address, city, state, and zip code of the licensed healthcare provider who pronounced the death.
5. The requirement for notification to SCCDPH does not preclude, replace, modify, change, or in any way affect the reporting requirements of 19 CSR 20-20.020(2).
6. The requirement for reporting a death shall not preclude, replace, modify, change, or in any way affect the reporting requirements of §193.145 RSMo.
7. Reporters unable to submit information electronically may request an electronic transmission waiver from SCCDPH. Reporters granted an electronic transmission waiver must report to SCCDPH via fax.
8. Unless otherwise set forth herein, this order shall be effective , upon my execution hereof. Entities required to report under this order shall comply with this order as soon as practicable, but not later than 12:01 am on April 10th, 2020. This order shall expire only upon further order.

Signed this 7th day of April, 2020.


Demetrius Cianci-Chapman, Director
Department of Public Health
St. Charles County, Missouri

ATTEST:


Brenda Hinton, County Registrar