

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

**TERMINATION OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2020 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
ORDER REGARDING BARS, RESTAURANTS, AND NIGHTCLUBS
January 11, 2021**

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"); and that said order was extended to December 31, 2020 by Order of the County Executive 20-07; and extended again to March 31, 2021 by Order of the County Executive 20-10;

WHEREAS, in November 2020, Governor Parson defined had defined one of the conditions placing a county in the greatest risk to be a seven (7) day case rate is 350 or above per 100,000 persons, and advising those counties to take steps to mitigate the virus; and

WHEREAS, during much of the month of November 2020, St. Charles County had met the levels to be considered within the category of "EXTREME RISK;" and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, St. Charles County had a slightly higher death rate than St. Louis County and a substantially high rate of positive cases; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, hospitalizations in St. Charles county and the entire St. Louis Region increased substantially, creating a real threat the hospitals would run out of room for all patients, and it was imperative that additional mitigation strategies be employed to control the rapid community transmission of the virus in order to prevent the health care system in St. Charles County and the region from being overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, elected officials in Illinois, St. Louis County, and the city of St. Louis had issued orders, the outcome of which is that all bars and restaurants in those jurisdictions are closed by 11 p.m., causing patrons from those jurisdictions to frequent bars, restaurants, and nightclubs in St. Charles County, exacerbating the overcrowding of those establishments and the risk of spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to address such risk, I, as the Director of the Department of Public Health of St. Charles County and the Local Public Health Authority, pursuant to 19 CSR 20-20, issued a Public Health Emergency Order on November 24, 2020 ordering that Bars, Restaurants, and Nightclubs, as defined in that order, close by 11:00 p.m. (the "November 24, 2020 Order"); and

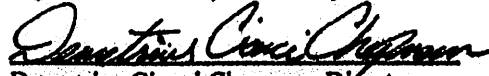
WHEREAS, during the month of December the rate of deaths in St. Charles County declined substantially and are now much lower than St. Louis County, while the rate of new COVID-19 cases had decreased to be roughly equal to that of St. Louis County; and

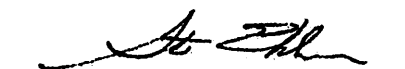
WHEREAS, during the month of December hospitalization rates have not increased and have declined slightly.


NOW, THEREFORE, DEMETRIUS CIANCI CHAPMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI AND THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the County of St. Charles, does hereby issue the following Public Health Emergency Order:

1. The November 24, 2020 Public Health Emergency Order, regarding the closing time for Bars, Restaurants, and Nightclubs, as defined in said order, is hereby terminated.
2. This order shall be effective immediately upon execution hereof.

Signed this 11th day of January 2021.


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


Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
St. Charles County, Missouri

ATTEST:

Brenda Hinton, County Registrar
St. Charles County, Missouri