

RESOLUTION NO. ACR-20.6.12

**RESOLUTION OF THE
GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

DATE RESOLVED: June 12, 2020

SUBJECT: **Expiration of Stay at Home Order POL-20.06.01**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the County Commission passed an Order POL-20.3.16, prohibiting public gatherings of 50 or more persons with certain exceptions, and the County Commission subsequently entered an order on March 17, 2020 declaring a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) limiting public events to no more than 10 people; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission and poses a serious health risk for Greene County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with City, County and State officials it was the Judgment of the Greene County Commission on March 24, 2020 that there reasonably appeared to exist a state of civil emergency which required a response by the Greene County Commission to protect human life from the continued spread of COVID-19, including a directive that the citizens of the County stay-at-home to limit social contact and the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 192.300, RSMo. and CSR 20-20-050(3), the Greene County Commission is authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases, such as COVID-19, into the County, including, among other things, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in Greene County, Missouri, and the exercise of all emergency powers now otherwise in conflict with any rules or regulations authorized by the Department of Health or the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198, RSMo.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020 the Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ("DHSS") issued a statewide Stay at Home Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the County Commission amended the prior Stay at Home Order to include provisions in the DHSS Order; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, it was the Judgment of the Greene County Commission to amend the prior State at Home Order to extend it to May 3, 2020 to be consistent with the DHSS Order; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, Governor Parson announced the extension of the first phase of the “Show-Me Strong Recovery” Plan, which will be effective May 4, 2020, and extend through June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of the “Show-Me Strong Recovery” Plan allows citizens to begin to return economic and social activities if certain pre-cautions are taken; and

WHEREAS, the public health system now has the hospital resources, testing resources, and public health containment resources to begin the process of safely re-opening the local economy; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, after consultation with City, County, and State officials, it was the Judgment of the Greene County Commission that there continued to reasonably appear to exist a State of civil emergency but that it would be prudent to permit additional limited activities and the County Commission entered an Amendment to Stay at Home Order POL-20.5.7, which allowed citizens to begin to return to economic and social activities if certain precautions were taken, and which became effective on May 7, 2020 and extended for a period of twenty-one (21) days; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is still highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission and still poses a health risk for Greene County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Commission wishes to alert the citizens to the continued risks associated with COVID-19 and encourage every citizen to take necessary precautions; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent public health data, including hospital critical-care and ventilator capacity, supports allowing Commission Order No. POL-20.06.01 to expire without amendment and to allow for the return of all economic and social activities, provided certain precautions are taken.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on motion duly made and seconded, the question was called and Commissioner Bengsch voted “YES”, Commissioner Russell voted “YES”, and Presiding Commissioner Dixon voted “YES”, that upon expiration of the County Commission’s Order POL-20.06.01 on June 15, 2020, and effective June 16, 2020, that the County Commission of Greene County, State of Missouri, strongly recommend that all citizens follow and adhere to health guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention pertaining to the novel coronavirus outbreak known as COVID-19 and take personal responsibility upon themselves for their own health, well-being and protection and for the same of those they may come into contact with; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission of Greene County, State of Missouri, hereby offer a sampling of some of the most important measures citizens are encouraged to take for their protection:

1. Wash your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

2. Avoid close contact

- Consider avoiding close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- Consider putting distance between yourself and other people outside of your home.
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
 - Do not gather in groups.
 - Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

3. Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should consider wearing a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.

4. Cover coughs and sneezes

- If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

5. Clean and disinfect

- Consider cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Then, use a household disinfectant. Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work.

6. Monitor Your Health

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
 - Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.

7. Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop

- If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms outlined by the Center for Disease Control, you might have COVID-19.
- Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home. If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider.
- Keep track of your symptoms
- If you have an Emergency Warning Sign, get emergency medical care immediately.
 - Trouble breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion
 - Inability to wake or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face
 - Other symptoms. (Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.)

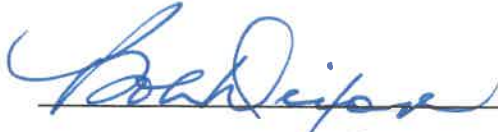
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission of Greene County, State of Missouri, notifies the citizens that due to the unpredictable and highly contagious nature of the coronavirus group of viruses known as "SARS-CoV-2" which causes the disease known as "coronavirus disease 2019" abbreviated and popularly known as "COVID-19" and its numerous mutations thereof having unique seasonal characteristics, this resolution may require modification or future public health orders in an effort to address the changing impact on the citizens of Greene County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission of Greene County, State of Missouri, remind citizens that the continued willingness of all individuals to adopt and abide by the recommendations in this resolution will almost certainly have a positive impact on the reduced spread of the disease and the decreased likelihood of the necessity of future public health orders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission of Greene County, State of Missouri, shall continue to review at least weekly, in conjunction with the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, the status of COVID-19 cases in the region, whether community-spread associated or otherwise, to determine the potential need for future public health orders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the Greene County Clerk before 5:00pm this date, the 12th day of June, 2020, and copies of said Resolution shall be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk.

GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI



BOB DIXON, Presiding Commissioner

yes

6/12/2020
Dated




HAROLD BENGSCH, Commissioner

yes

6/12/2020
Dated

1st District



JOHN C. RUSSELL, Commissioner

YES

6/12/2020
Dated

2nd District

ATTEST:

County Clerk Certification

I certify that I am the County Clerk of Greene County, Missouri; that the foregoing document is a true, complete, and correct Resolution adopted by the Greene County Commission, Missouri on June 12, 2020, as the same appears in the official records of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed the Certificate and affixed the seal of the County of Greene, Missouri this 12 day of June 2020.

GREENE COUNTY CLERK:



SHANE SCHOELLER

Greene County Clerk