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Greene County Commission takes steps to help garner resources for local COVID response

As a means to further support community efforts to respond to the growing cases of COVID-19 and the related Delta variant that is spreading rapidly throughout this region, the Greene County Commission voted unanimously today to approve a Declaration of Local Emergency.

This declaration is a means to help expedite area responses allowed by law during a crisis. More specifically, it opens additional channels for the director of the Springfield-Greene County Health Department and the director the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management to obtain necessary equipment and supplies needed for the health and welfare of citizens, as well as seek reimbursement from state and federal sources for these efforts.

The Greene County declaration is not a stay-at-home order or masking mandate, nor is it a first step to any related orders. Today's action aligns with the State of Missouri emergency order that was recently renewed by the governor through the end of August.

"COVID-19 continues to hit our community hard and I want to commend the ongoing efforts by our hospitals and health care workers, health department, emergency management and the support we are receiving at the state level to respond to this crisis," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "The Greene County Commission wants to continue to be a partner in these efforts and this declaration is one way we can do that."

The Greene County Declaration of Local Emergency will begin July 21, 2021, and is effective until rescinded. A copy of the declaration is available under the News tab at greenecountymo.gov.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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