



CLAY COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER



# COVID-19 Update

**\*If you are feeling sick and have reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, please call your health care provider for instructions. Do not go to the emergency room or the health department for testing.\***

## Latest Updates

- There are currently **zero** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Clay County.
- [First death from COVID-19 confirmed in Wyandotte County, Kansas](#)
- [Second presumptive-positive case in Missouri, in Springfield-Greene County](#)
- President Trump declares national emergency; Governor Parson declares a state of emergency
- [City of Kansas City, Missouri declares a state of emergency \(3/12/20\)](#)
- [The World Health Organization \(WHO\) declares COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic \(3/11/20\)](#)
- **Health care providers:**
  - MODHSS Health Alert: Updated Missouri COVID-19 PUI Definition and Testing Algorithm (attached)

## Current Recommendations

(Moving forward, any new recommendations will be marked in red)

- The health department **recommends cancelling large group events** (1,000 or more people). Organizers for events of all sizes must ultimately make the decision whether to cancel events or [modify](#) them with measures in place to prevent the spread of disease.
  - Currently we are not seeing community spread of COVID-19. At this time we are recommending that a "large group event" is defined as a 1,000 or more people for any business, professional, social, cultural, entertainment, or other special event where people are not separated by physical space of at least four feet (which is slightly longer than an average arm's length). This recommendation may change subject to what is happening in our communities.

- Considerations for vulnerable populations:
  - People that are 60 and older should **consider** not attending large community events.
  - People with underlying chronic conditions or pregnant women should **strongly consider** not attending large community events.
  - People over 70 with underlying chronic conditions are **strongly advised** to not attend large community events.
  
- We **strongly encourage** community leaders from all industries (health care, education, business, etc.) read the CDC’s [Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#). “Community mitigation is a set of actions that persons and communities can take to help slow the spread of respiratory virus infections.”
  
- Review more guidance for your type of organization:
  - [Health Care Providers, Long-term Care Facilities, EMS Personnel](#)
  - [Community- & Faith-Based Organizations](#)
  - [Childcare & Schools](#)
  - [Colleges & Universities](#)
  - [Businesses/Employers](#) (Also see our [planning guide](#))
  - [First Responders & Law Enforcement](#)

Thank you for your assistance in helping us prepare and protect the residents of Clay County! Please don’t hesitate to reply if you have any questions. Up-to-date information can always be found on our [website](#), our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#).

Feel free to share the information in these updates. Anyone not currently receiving updates that would like to sign up can find a link on our website at [clayhealth.com/coronavirus](http://clayhealth.com/coronavirus).