



Barry County, Missouri

Health Department and
Office of Emergency Management
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Barry County announces Stay-at-Home rules

The Barry County Commission and the Barry County Health Department announced Stay-at-Home rules based on the current Public Health Emergency Declarations by the Board of Trustees of the Barry County Health Department and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

The measure extends, until April 30, 2020, the prohibition of gatherings with greater than 10 people, required social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between unrelated people, restriction to curbside or drive-thru restaurant service as well as defining essential and non-essential businesses. Under these rules, non-essential businesses must remain closed and essential businesses must modify their business to provide for required social distancing. Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department noted, "we understand these orders are difficult, but they are necessary for the health of the people in Barry County."

Emergency Management Director, David Compton said the Disaster Declaration also remains in effect. Director Compton and Administrator Brock reminded citizens these basic measures are our first line of defense in combating the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Director Compton stated, "these rules are intended to provide guidance to the residents of Barry County on how to best comply with the Orders announced by Governor Parson and the Barry County Health Department last week."

COVID-19 Symptoms — cough, fever, difficulty breathing — may occur two days to two weeks after exposure. Although most of the cases have been mild, the disease is especially dangerous for the elderly and others with weaker immune systems. Those most at risk should avoid unnecessary travel and contact with non-family members.

To be evaluated for symptoms of COVID-19, or if symptoms worsen, we ask individuals to call their local medical provider or hospital before seeking treatment. People who feel they might have the virus need to give health care providers a warning so safety precautions can be taken before their arrival to help prevent the infection of health care workers and others at the facility.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a [hotline](#) for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19. The statewide hotline number is **877-435-8411**. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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