



Barry County, Missouri

Health Department and
Office of Emergency Management
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Barry County announces extension of emergency declaration

The Barry County Commission and the Barry County Health Department announced a resolution to extend the Public Health Emergency Declaration to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Barry County is extended.

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, and restriction to curbside or drive-thru restaurant service. Roger Brock, Administrator of the Barry County Health Department noted that there has been one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Barry County. "The extension of this measure is necessary, to assist in limiting the number of additional cases", stated Administrator Brock.

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.

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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