



## Governor Announces Stay-at-Home Order Starting Monday

### *Local Governments Maintain Authority to Enact More Stringent Requirements*

Governor Mike Parson issued a statewide stay-at-home order this afternoon, which will take effect Monday and last through April 24. The full text of the order is [here](#).

The order states Missourians shall avoid leaving their homes unless necessary. Individuals are directed to practice social distancing when carrying out essential activities. Among other guidelines, the Order specifies the following:

- Residents must avoid social gatherings of more than ten people.
- Individuals may go to a place of worship if requirements on social gatherings and social distancing are followed.
- All public and charter schools must remain closed for the duration of the Order.
- Any entity that does not employ individuals to perform essential functions, as defined by the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#), must adhere to the limitations on social gatherings and social distancing.
- Retailers must limit the number of people in any particular location. The Order lays out a formula based on the retailer's fire or building code occupancy.

Local governments retain the authority to enact more stringent provisions.

This Order comes after weeks of various healthcare groups calling on the Governor to issue a shelter-in-place order. In previous press conferences, Parson stated it was not appropriate to issue a statewide stay-at-home order because of the diversity of needs across Missouri's communities. Rather, he exhorted Missourians to follow the statewide social distancing prohibition, which barred gatherings over 10 people. This social distancing order expires Monday and is subsumed by the stay-at-home directive.