Camden County Health Department Order

Whereas, on March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a National Emergency and Missouri's Governor Parson also declared a State of Emergency to attempt to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety due to the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus.

Whereas, on March 15, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (the "CDC") issued guidance for preventing and limiting the spread of COVID-19 by recommending that gatherings be limited in size to 50 people or less and that events with fewer than 50 people be permitted only if the organizers adhere to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing;

Whereas on March 16, President Trump in collaboration with the CDC released the "15 Days to Stop the Spread" campaign further restricting gatherings to 10 people or less:

Whereas, the CDC's guidance does not apply to the day-to-day operation of schools, institutions of higher learning, or businesses;

Whereas, the CDC's guidance is not intended to supersede the advice of local public health officials;

Now, Therefore, I, Tonda Dampier, Camden County Health Department Administrator, under the authority conferred to me by Missouri Code of State Regulations 19 CSR 20-20.040 do hereby ORDER and DECLARE the following:

It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to organize or to attend an intentional gathering of 50 people or more in a single space or room. It is further provided that any person who organizes a gathering of 49 people or less shall take appropriate action to minimize risk to the greatest extent possible by implementing and enforcing mitigation measures, including but not limited to social distancing, limiting the time period of gatherings, frequent cleaning of all surfaces, and posting of signs. This paragraph shall not apply to

- essential governmental proceedings, educational institutions, daycare facilities, business operations, or food stores.
- II. As recommended in the President's 15 Days to Slow the Spread Campaign, Recreational facilities, gyms, bars, restaurants, and any other public facility will limit their patrons to 10 or less, provided they can assure there is adequate spacing of at least 6 feet between groups and adhere to all cleaning and disinfecting guidelines from CDC. Food and Beverage establishments are encouraged to provide pick up, curb-side or drive through services as much as possible. This will be in effect until the campaign is officially ended by the President.
- III. This order shall be effective immediately upon my execution whereof and it shall expire only upon further order.

SO ORDERED this eighteenth day of March 2020

Camden County Missouri

Tonda Dampier
Administrator
Camden County Health Department