



Doug Moore
Communications Director
(314) 565-5472

Lindsey Vehlewald
Communications Coordinator
(314) 615-7087

County Executive Dr. Sam Page Announces New Social Distancing Measures and Operational Suspensions to Limit the Spread of COVID-19

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (March 18, 2020) – County Executive Dr. Sam Page announced Wednesday that St. Louis County government will begin serving its residents in innovative new ways by implementing social distancing measures and limiting access to County offices. Some changes have already been implemented while others will be implemented in coming days.

"Our goal is to continue delivering as many county services as possible while protecting the public health and the health and wellbeing of county employees," Dr. Page said. "We won't be able to host big events or keep everything open to the public, but we are doing what we can."

The new practices will include social distancing techniques in all offices, issuing marriage licenses and conducting notary oaths from behind a glass partition, and using drop boxes to limit face-to-face interaction.

The County also is suspending some operations that involve face-to-face interaction, with employees reassigned to help with the COVID-19 response. The County also will begin screening visitors to county facilities.

In a recent Executive Order, Dr. Page initiated an employee leave policy that will remain in effect during the state of emergency. That policy is designed to ensure continued service delivery, limit COVID-19 spread, and ensure County employees can provide care and assistance to their "high risk" loved ones during this critical period.

- Many services are available online and over the phone. Visit St. Louis County's website at www.stlouisco.com or call 314-615-5000.
- Starting tomorrow, only the street level of the County Administration building at 41 S. Central will only be open to the public. Drop boxes will be available for various County services, including:
 - County Assessor
 - Office of Community Development
 - Deeds & Marriage Licenses
 - Parks Department
 - Department of Planning
 - Public Works Permitting
 - Collector of Revenue
 - Treasury (check or exact cash payment)
- Issuing marriage licenses and conducting notary oaths will be conducted at the entryway of the Courts building at 105 S. Central.

Understanding that the situation is evolving, the public should visit www.stlcorona.com for a running list of in-person services and changes impacted by COVID-19.

###