

Dear Neighbor,

I am very pleased to report that a hearing has been scheduled Monday, March 1, on the bill I introduced and two very similar bills to enact Blair's Law to make discharging a firearm with criminal negligence within or into city limits a state offense with stiffer penalties than existing city ordinances.

Blair's Law is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who died here after being struck by celebratory gunfire on July 4, 2011.

Her mother, Michele Shanahan-DeMoss, who has devoted countless hours since her only daughter's senseless death to educating people about the dangers of celebratory gunfire has told me she will testify in support of this legislation at the hearing by the House General Laws Committee I serve on.

I listened to her heartfelt plea not to engage in celebratory gunfire at a media event we both attended on February 5 at Kansas City Police Department headquarters, and it was all I could do to keep from crying.

KCPD also has confirmed it will be represented at the hearing to support the legislation and relay to committee members the dangers of celebratory gunfire. Earlier this year, KCPD announced that occupants of 12 homes in KCMO reported that

their residences were hit by indiscriminate gunfire during the recent New Year's holiday.

My bill is House Bill 99 which is co-sponsored by Representatives Rasheen Aldridge, Jerome Barnes, Michael Johnson and Yolanda Young. The two similar bills that are being heard are House Bill 722 introduced by Representative Rory Rowland of Independence and House Bill 795 introduced by Representative Nick Schroer of O'Fallon in St. Charles County.

Last year the committee heard our three slightly different versions of this legislation and combined them as a committee substitute which it recommended for passage by a 12 to 1 vote, but time ran out before the legislation could be voted on by the full House since the legislative session was shortened considerably due to the pandemic.

I also want to report the good news that House Bill 100 that establishes a special Negro Leagues Baseball Museum license plate that I introduced with six co-sponsors from both political parties was recommended for passage as a consent bill by a 13-0 vote of the House Transportation Committee on February 24.

It has been referred to the House Consent & House Procedure Committee which has scheduled a vote on it Tuesday, March 2, and if it also supports its passage as a consent bill without dissent it will go to the full House for consideration.

I introduced this bill to raise awareness of the Museum and funds for its operations.

When enacted into law, the bill will allow persons who make a \$10 contribution to the Museum to purchase a set of the special plates for a \$15 fee that will be added to their regular license fees. The plates will include the name of the Museum in capital letters and its logo.

Identical legislation has been introduced by Senator Barbara Anne Washington which passed the Senate as a consent bill on February

24, so chances of one of these measures becoming law look extremely promising. Both branches of the General Assembly have to pass legislation before it can be sent to the Governor to be signed into law.

Locally, I want to warn residents that KCPD has reported a spike in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles. From January 1 to February 17, KCPD received 266 reports of catalytic converter thefts (compared to only 806 in all of 2020 and just 158 in all of 2019) caused by steeply rising prices of the precious metals contained in the converters.

KCPD said it only takes about two minutes for a thief to remove a converter. It has assembled a working group of property crime detectives to tackle the issue.

To protect their vehicles and help apprehend and successfully prosecute thieves, KCPD advises vehicle owners to consider:

Purchasing theft prevention devices at auto parts stores or purchasing under-car alarm systems.

Parking vehicles in home garages with the garage doors closed or in well-lit areas.

Marking converters with a personal identification number such as the vehicle's VIN with an ultraviolet marker so the number will only show up under ultraviolet light and can be traced to the vehicle if they are recovered.

Reporting thefts immediately.

Sharing theft videos with law enforcement.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my legislative aide, <u>Kaylee Bauer</u> is ready to help you.

Please scroll down to read about other state government matters and important upcoming local events.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service, *Mark A. Sharp*



Representative Sharp and other members of the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus visited the Governor's Mansion and discussed legislative matters with Governor Mike Parson the evening of February 24. (Representative Sharp, the Caucus treasurer, is in the front row with the red tie next to Governor Parson in the front row with the blue tie.)

WEEKLY CAPITOL UPDATE Friday, February 26, 2021

HOUSE TRIES AGAIN ON VOTER PHOTO ID

On a near party-line vote, the House of Representatives on Feb. 24 voted 109-46 in favor of legislation that could significantly suppress voter participation by requiring government-issued photo identification in order to cast a ballot. Only one Republican House member joined all the Democratic members who were present to oppose the bill. I voted no. The bill now advances to the Senate.

During proponents' 15-year quest to impose a voter photo ID requirement, they have twice successfully enacted legislation into law, but the Missouri Supreme Court struck down both versions for violating Missourians' constitutional right to vote. Although the current attempt, House Bill 334, avoids some of the specific problems that contributed to the court invalidating the previous two laws, it still has to overcome a high constitutional hurdle that could be hard to clear.

In the earlier cases, the Supreme Court held that since voting is a fundamental constitutional right, any regulations must survive strict scrutiny, meaning they must address a compelling governmental interest, be narrowly tailored to achieve that interest and do so by the least restrictive means possible. Supporters' professed reason for wanting to impose a voter photo ID requirement – to combat voting fraud – on its face seems to qualify as a compelling state interest.

However, the court also noted in those cases that voter impersonation at the polls is the only type of fraud a photo ID requirement could prevent, and there have not been any allegations of this occurring in Missouri for many decades.

As a result, HB 334 doesn't appear to meet the other requirements of strict scrutiny that would justify the drastic action of disenfranchising the estimated 200,000-plus Missourians who don't have a valid government-issued photo ID.

During the years-long debate over this issue, Democratic opponents have maintained proponents' claim of fighting fraud is merely a pretext for voter suppression since those who are least likely to have a driver's license or other form of photo ID – particularly racial minorities – tend to support Democratic candidates.

RULING HIKES PRESSURE FOR MORE FUNDING

A Cole County judge on Feb. 18 ruled that the state's practice of letting indigent defendants languish in jail for weeks, months or even a year or more while waiting to be assigned a public defender violates their Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

The ruling puts renewed pressure on state lawmakers to significantly increase the budget for the overburdened State Public Defender's Office to allow it to hire more attorneys.

In a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of defendants who have been waiting to be assigned a public defender, Circuit Judge William Hickle said the plaintiffs are likely to prevail since the state law authorizing waiting lists for counsel has resulted in defendants' cases being unduly delayed and their rights violated.

"In particular, (the waiting list law) cannot be applied to allow the State to charge a defendant with a crime or probation violation wherein the State seeks defendant's incarceration, and then fails to furnish the defendant with counsel within two weeks after the defendant has been found indigent and otherwise entitled to counsel; such an application of the statute violates the right to counsel," Hickle wrote.

However, Hickle temporarily stayed further action in the case to give lawmakers the opportunity to provide funding for additional public defenders in the state operating budget for the upcoming 2022 fiscal year. The stay runs through June 30, the last day of FY 2021.

In a Feb. 22 House Budget Committee hearing, State Public Defender Director Mary Fox requested \$1.1 million to hire 16 more attorneys to help reduce the waiting list backlog. The legislature is still in the early stages of the FY 2022 budget process but must grant final passage to the various appropriations bills that make up the state budget no later than May 7.

HOUSE PASSES SCHOOL VOUCHER BILL

The House of Representatives on Feb. 25 voted 82-71-1 to pass controversial legislation that would establish tax breaks to provide vouchers for students to attend private K-12 schools. I voted no.

Meanwhile, the Senate on Feb. 24 shelved a combined voucher and charter school expansion bill amid questions about whether it had sufficient support for passage following a late-night debate.

House Committee Substitute for House Bill 349 would allow people to donate to private organizations that would provide scholarships on a first-come, first-serve basis to qualifying students to partially pay for private school tuition. Donors would receive a tax credit for the full amount of their contributions, meaning the donor is out no money while the amount of tax revenue the state collects for public education and other services is reduced. The amount of available credits initially would be capped at \$50 million annually but could eventually rise to \$75 million.

Although the bill originally would have applied statewide, it was amended to only allow students in more populous cities and counties to apply for the scholarships in order to mollify rural lawmakers worried about the impact it would have on funding for their local public schools. Even with the change, the legislation only garnered the bare minimum number of votes needed to clear the House. The bill now advances to the Senate.

That chamber's major education measure, Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 55, also would authorize private school tuition vouchers plus expand charter schools to allow them to operate in the state's largest counties, as well as cities with populations of more than 30,000 residents, among other provisions.

Charter schools, which currently are authorized only in St. Louis City and Kansas City, are independent public schools that operate free of many state regulations. They have had mixed results in Missouri, with some outperforming schools in the districts where they are located and others doing worse. Senators debated the legislation for nearly 12 hours before setting it aside. Further debate is expected.

SENATE PASSES LAWSUIT IMMUNITY BILL

The Missouri Senate voted 20-13 on Feb. 23 to grant final approval to legislation providing businesses, religious organizations and medical providers immunity from most lawsuits relating to alleged wrongful exposure to COVID-19. The bill, a top priority for Gov. Mike Parson, now advances to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 51 would prohibit most such lawsuits, even when a business or medical provider acted negligently and only allow them in cases in which an exposure resulted from "recklessness or willful misconduct" and a plaintiff was injured as a result. Religious organizations would be completely immune from COVID-related lawsuits unless a plaintiff could prove a deliberate intent to harm.

Senators defeated an attempt to include an emergency clause in the bill that would have allowed it to take effect immediately upon being signed into law by the governor. As result, SB 51 wouldn't take effect until Aug. 28 should it win final passage.

Missouri businesses groups have been pushing for legal immunity from COVID-19 lawsuits ever since the pandemic began a year

ago.To date, no such lawsuits are known to have been filed in Missouri.

House Majority Floor Leader Dean Plocher exhibits his Negro Leagues Baseball Museum bobble-head.

In honor of Black History Month in February 2021, State Representative Mark Sharp presented Majority Floor Leader Dean Plocher with a bobble-head of "Cool Papa Bell". Flat Paul is shown meeting Cool Papa Bell.



James Thomas "Cool Papa" Bell (May 17, 1903 – March 7, 1991) was an American center fielder in Negro league baseball from 1922 to 1946. He is considered to have been one of the fastest men ever to play the game. Stories demonstrating Bell's speed are still widely circulated. James Thomas Bell was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974.

Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

Office of Communications

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 25, 2021

Governor Parson Announces Timeline for Activation of Phase 1B
-Tier 3

Provides Update on COVID-19 Data and Vaccine Progress

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – During today's press briefing at the State Capitol, Governor Mike Parson announced that Phase 1B - Tier 3 of the state's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan will be activated on **Monday**, **March 15**, **2021**.

"Missouri has had a vaccine plan since October, and this has not changed. We have been very disciplined in following our plan," **Governor Parson** said. "With vaccine supply steadily increasing, we believe we are in a good position to activate Phase 1B - Tier 3, which will make approximately 550,000 more Missourians eligible to receive a vaccine."

Beginning March 15, Missourians in Phase 1B - Tier 3 will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those who keep the essential functions of society running, including K-12 educators and school employees; child care providers; grocery store employees; and energy, food, agriculture, and other critical infrastructure workers, among others.

With the activation of Phase 1B - Tier 3, approximately 550,000 more Missourians will be eligible for the vaccine. For the full list of categories included in Phase 1B - Tier 3, <u>click here</u>. Missourians in Phase 1A and Phase 1B - Tier 1 and Tier 2 will also remain eligible.

Currently, the state estimates that there are approximately 800,000 Missourians who are eligible and interested in getting vaccinated. By March 15, the state expects this number to decrease to approximately 400,000.

Activating Phase 1B - Tier 3 on March 15 will help ensure that there is a steady population of people who are eligible and interested in receiving a vaccine. This will allow vaccinators across the state to continue vaccinating Missourians without delays due to those who are eligible but not seeking a vaccine.

"While supply is still limited, we are expecting slow and steady increases, and activating Tier 3 on March 15 will allow us to continue making progress as supply expands," **Governor Parson** said. "If vaccine supply continues to increase, and if we continue to make the progress we've been seeing, we believe that we will be ready to activate Phase 2 within 45 days of March 15."

"For now, we ask that vaccinators work in their communities to plan for March 15. We want this to be a smooth process, and it will be up to vaccinators to start planning now so that Tier 3 populations are ready," **Governor Parson** continued.

Also during today's briefing, Governor Parson provided an update on COVID-19 data and vaccine progress. As of February 24, approximately 12 percent of Missouri's population has received at least one dose of the vaccine. Over 350,000 Missourians have been fully vaccinated with both doses.

This week, Missouri was allotted more than 120,000 initial doses of the Modena and Pfizer vaccine for distribution across the state. Next week, Missouri has been allotted more than 128,500 initial doses. This allotment could increase if the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine is granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is expected to happen by the end of this week.

Once the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is granted an EUA, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will consider the recommendations from the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). After DHSS reviews that data and confirms the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, the appropriate standing order will be issued to ensure the vaccine can be immediately administered once shipments arrive in Missouri.

Additionally, more than 233,600 vaccine doses have been shipped to CVS and Walgreens through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership, and 38,990 doses have been shipped to Walmart, Healthmart, and Hy-Vee locations through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.

The Federal Pharmacy Partnership with CVS and Walgreens will continue through April. More than 87,000 residents and 50,900 staff at long-term care facilities have accepted vaccinations through clinics held by CVS and Walgreens.

The federal government also recently announced a new Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program. The federal government will directly ship additional vaccines doses to partnering Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

FQHCs provide services to underserved and vulnerable communities, with two-thirds of their patients at or below the federal poverty line and 60 percent being racial and ethnic minorities. These doses from the federal government are in addition to the eight percent of the state's vaccine allocation already being distributed to FQHCs in Missouri.

The state also continues to move forward with regional mass vaccination events. There have been 68 mass vaccination clinics completed across the state, and more than 66,500 Missourians have received an initial vaccine dose at one of these events.

Targeted teams in St. Louis and Kansas City have completed 24 vaccine clinics with more planned in the coming days and weeks. These teams serve vulnerable populations in communities with limited access to health care.

Missouri's seven-day PCR positivity rate has fallen to 6.1 percent, and the antigen (rapid) test rate has fallen to 5.2 percent. According to CDC data, Missouri now ranks **second lowest in the nation** for average daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents over the past 7 days.

"We have never wavered in our balanced approach to addressing this pandemic, and the data shows that we are winning the fight," **Governor Parson** said. "We are excited about the direction we're heading, and we will continue to take a balanced approach, fight COVID-19, and give every Missourian who wants a vaccine the opportunity to get one."

Missourians are encouraged to visit <u>MOStopsCOVID.com</u> to view the latest vaccine updates, find out when they are eligible for the vaccine, and locate available vaccinators in their area.



News from the
City Communications Office

City of Kansas City, Missouri kcmo.gov

#ResolveIt helps residents cancel warrants and reduce fines during pandemic

Limited time offer includes discounts and ways to resolve cases quickly

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Feb. 22, 2021

The Kansas City Municipal Court and City Prosecutor's Office are working together to host **#Resolvelt**, a special campaign from now through March 31 to help people with tickets cancel their warrants and pay off past due fines at a discount.

"Our 'Resolve It' effort will reduce the financial burden of residents and visitors with outstanding fines and violations in our municipal court system," said City Manager Brian Platt. "By clearing out the backlog caused by the pandemic, we will also reduce the number of people who need to come to the courthouse, which will help staff and visitors stay healthy and safe."

#ResolveIt features three parts:

The Warrant Recall Project

- Log into a virtual Warrant Recall Walk-In docket and the judge will cancel your warrants and give you a new court date or possibly resolve cases that do not require a mandatory court hearing.
- Warrant Recall Dockets are 9 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.
- Municipal Court has about 250,000 cases with failure to appear warrants issued before the pandemic.

Parking Fine Reduction Fridays

• Log into a virtual Parking Fine Reduction Docket from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Fridays and the City Prosecutor will reduce your parking fine in exchange for a plea of guilty.

• There are currently over 100,000 unresolved parking tickets filed in Municipal Court.

20% off Past Due Fine Balance Days

- Receive a 20% discount on fines if you pay your past due balance in full by March 31.
- You MUST first contact Municipal Court in writing to request the discount BEFORE paying.
- Court will contact you with your discounted fine plus court costs. Discount does not include restitution.
- If you cannot pay your balance in full, even with the discount, you may request a payment plan or community service instead of paying a fine during #ResolveIt.
- There are over 40,000 cases that have past due balances.

Go to www.kcmo.gov/court and click #Resolvelt for instructions to attend the warrant recall and parking fine reduction dockets online or by phone; and to contact the court to request the 20% fine discount.

The Kansas City court is the largest Municipal Court in Missouri. It processes 280,000 cases per year and before the pandemic, was one of the City's heaviest traveled facilities behind the airport and convention center.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS SENT ON BEHALF OF T'RISA MCCORD, INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP OF KANSAS CITY, MO:

Dear Community & Neighborhood Association Leaders,

The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would like to invite you to attend a Zoom training session exclusively for you and your organization on economic development incentive tools. With so much discussion currently surrounding the use of incentive tools, we thought it would be helpful to offer this training session so that we could provide you with information and resources to help you better understand what these incentive tools are and how they work, as well as provide you an opportunity to ask questions of our staff and provide input on policy issues.

Please let me know if you are interested in setting up an information and training session, and possible dates/times that would be good for your group in the coming few months. An agenda and related materials, as well as a Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to you prior to the session once a date/time is confirmed. We anticipate the session to take about one hour.

Thank you,

JILL QUINN

Corporate Secretary | Executive Assistant to President & CEO

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MISSOURI EMERGENCY RENTAL ARREARS PROGRAM

The state of Missouri's new rental assistance program using funding through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was passed by Congress in December 2020. On February 11, 2021 Governor Parson signed HB 16 into law, which provides more than \$324 million in funding for rental and utility assistance for Missourians. Missouri Housing Development Commission will administer this funding under the State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR) program. Please click below for more information.

Please Click Here For Program Information

Please note that the Missouri Emergency Rental Arrears Program (ERAP) is a separate program from above, and is utilizing ESG-CV funding authorized through the CARES Act. This program is open to landlords seeking rental arrears for qualified tenants.

Please Click Here For Program Information

Bridging The Gap Tool Lending Shed provides the Greater Kansas City community access to tools, empowering our neighbors to build and maintain a sustainable, thriving community.



Groups can save expenses while completing many types of community-coordinated projects, such as garden installation, neighborhood improvement, maintenance, and beautification. We lend out free of charge an ever-growing inventory of tools. View our full inventory to decide what you need for your next project. **Tools are limited and available on a first come**, **first served basis**.

Once you are ready to checkout tools, follow these simple steps:

- Complete the Tool Lending Shed request form https://www.tfaforms.com/4608222
- Once we receive your request, you can expect to hear from us within 2-3 business days to confirm that the tools are available on the date requested. Please note: the completion of this form does not guarantee that the tools are available.
- Tools can be picked up and dropped off Wednesday
- Saturday between 10:00 am 4:00 pm at the Deramus Recycling Center at 4707 Deramus Avenue, KCMO 64120.
- You must bring a copy of the confirmation receipt in order to checkout tools. Tools will NOT be released without a copy of the confirmation email.
- Borrower will be responsible for any missing or damaged tools (other than normal wear and tear)

After your project, please clean all tools, return them at the prearranged time. Once you have returned the tools, we will contact you for information regarding your clean-up event. We need this information in order to continue to receive funding for this program.

For additional information please go to https://bridgingthegap.org/litter/

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC



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https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/

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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE







VIRTUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 9 AM - NOON https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84171402158

IN PERSON

SATURDAY, FEB. 27, 9 AM - NOON

Municipal Arena, 301 W. 13th Street Kansas City, MO 64105 Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 10 AM – 1 PM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83589032386

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD | SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE | ADDRESS CITY LEADERSHIP

Please join us to provide your feedback on next year's budget.

The proposed budget is posted at KCMO.GOV/budget.

LEND YOUR VOICE!

It's that time of year again. The FY 2021-22 Budget was submitted Feb. 11th and will be adopted March 25th.

Attendees will have the chance to hear from the Mayor and the City Council, and will also receive an overview of the submitted document from the Budget Office. All attendees will have the opportunity to speak directly to the Council and general public, too.

If you can't attend the hearings, you can also email your feedback to us at publictestimony@kcmo.org. Please put "proposed budget" in the subject line.



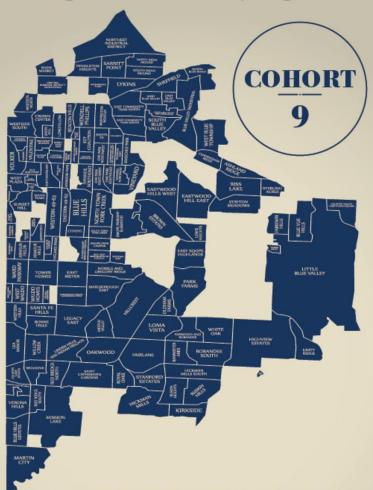
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Speak Easy Sessions are opportunities for residents to speak directly to City officials and staff. Expect an interactive session and lots of discussion. We want your ideas to help us run the city better. For more information and other sessions, visit kcma.gov/speakeasy.

Now recruiting for Spring 2021

Neighborhood Leadership Program



Are you interested in the betterment of your neighborhood? Are you involved with your neighborhood organization?

Center for Neighborhoods cohorts focus on four-pillars: Leadership + Governance, Neighborhood Planning + Development, Neighborhood Health + Safety, and Technology + Communication. Courses are free-of-charge for neighborhood organizations and will be held every Tuesday evening from 6 - 7:30PM virtually on ZOOM March 2nd through May 25th, 2021. If you're interested or have questions, please email Neighborhoods@umkc.edu or call (816) 235-6931 for more info. To learn more about Center for Neighborhoods visit

cfn.umkc.edu





Food Distribution

Call 816-763-3277 x 100 for Appointment
Curbside appointments - 9 am to 2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and
Friday

- 4 6 pm Wednesday and 9 am noon Saturday once a month Delivery for homebound Thursdays
- Food is available once for anyone. Clients out of service area should visit Harvesters website or United Way 211 for pantry in their area.
- Pre-packed food boxes include Giving the Basics hygiene items.
- Please just leave one message. Calls will be returned.

South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to five sites in south Kansas City monthly to

distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Center District Warehouse, 8701 Holmes Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month. Persons should go to the entrance to the Center Administrative Office and drive through the bus parking lot to the warehouse where volunteers will load the food. Persons should take the Troost Ave exit. The event is sponsored by the Center Education Foundation in partnership with the Center School District.

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

United Believers Community Church, 5600 E. 112th Terr., with vehicles lining up at 8:30 a.m. and contactless food distribution running from 9 to 11 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Center High School, 8715 Holmes Rd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as long as food is left on the third Saturday of the month. The event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church in partnership with the Center School District.

Coronavirus Facts and Resources

Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online tokcmo.gov/coronavirus

Missouri

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 <u>877-435-8411</u>. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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