## **Morgan County Health Center 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, Shawn M. Brantley, Morgan County Health Center 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:

I. As advised in the President's 15 Days to Slow the Spread Campaign, Recreational facilities, conference, event and banquet facilities, wedding venues, gyms, bars, restaurants, and any other public facility or event 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 or is continued by CDC.
- II. After the President's 15 Days to Stop the Spread Campaign: 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 applies to Recreational facilities, conference, event and banquet facilities, wedding venues, gyms, bars, restaurants, and any other public facility or event. This paragraph shall not apply to essential governmental proceedings, educational institutions, daycare facilities, essential business operations, or food stores.
- III. This order shall be effective immediately upon my execution whereof and it shall expire only upon further order.

SO ORDERED this twentieth day of March 2020

Morgan County Missouri

Shawn M. Brantley

Administrator

Morgan County Health Center

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Date: March 20,2020

## ORDINANCE NO. 03-20-2020

AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING AND ADOPTING THE MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER ORDER OF MARCH 20, 2020 CONCERNING THE COVID-19 NATIONAL AND STATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ORDERING COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL AND STATE DIRECTIVES WITHIN MORGAN COUNTY, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees met on this date to review the Morgan County Health Center Order of March 20, 2020 and to consider declaring a public health emergency in Morgan County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees acknowledges the declaration of a National Emergency by President Trump, the declaration of a State Emergency by Governor Parsons, the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the "15 Days to Stop the Spread" campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, any large gathering of persons may accelerate the spread of COVID-19 in Morgan County, Missouri and pose a risk to the health of our community: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 192.300 RSMo and CSR 20-20.050(3), the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees is authorized to promulgate orders intended to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases, such as COVID-19 into the county, including, among other things, a declaration that a state of emergency exists in Morgan County, Missouri and the exercise of all emergency powers not otherwise in conflict with any rules or regulations authorized by Department of Health or the Department of Social Services under Chapter 198 RSMo.

Be it Ordained by the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees, as follows:

**Section 1**. STATE OF EMERGENCY. Based upon the declarations of a National Emergency and a State Emergency and as well as the declarations of the CDC, the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees hereby declares a state of emergency in Morgan County effective the date this Ordinance is adopted to control the spread of COVID-19 to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Morgan County, Missouri.

**Section 2.** APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall not apply within the city limits of any city or municipality within Morgan County, Missouri which has issued a similar

proclamation, resolution or ordinance addressing the same emergency and the contents of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER ORDER. The Order issued by the Morgan County Health Center on this date is hereby adopted by the Morgan County Health Center Board of Trustees and incorporated into this Ordinance as if more fully set forth herein.

**Section 4**. DURATION. This Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until the National Emergency and State of Missouri Emergency for COVID-19 have been set aside and removed.

## Section 5. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Morga Morgan County, Missouri, on the 20 to day of	in County Health Center Board of Trustees of March, 2020.
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