

**Title 19 – Department of Health and Senior Services
Division 20 – Division of Community and Public Health
Chapter 20 – Communicable Diseases**

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

19 CSR 20-20.020 Reporting Infectious, Contagious, Communicable, or Dangerous Diseases. The department is amending sections (6) and (8).

PURPOSE: This amendment modifies COVID-19 test result reporting..

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EMERGENCY STATEMENT: The Department of Health and Senior Services (“DHSS”) determined that this emergency amendment is necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of Missouri residents and visitors.

This emergency amendment is necessary to help accurately track COVID-19 infection the state of Missouri. In order to track positivity rates of COVID-19 tests and other trending information, the Department needs to receive all negative test results in addition to positive test results. Additionally, and in order to be efficient, requiring all COVID-19 results (whether negative or positive) be sent to the Department ensures that the results are compiled in an accurate and timely manner. Finally, the Federal Government requests daily uploads of the Department’s COVID-19 data, which includes both positive and negative test results reported for that specific day. This emergency amendment allows the Department to provide that data to the Federal Government in a timely manner.

DHSS needs this emergency amendment to ensure that COVID-19 testing results remain consistent with the protocol in place since the State of Emergency was declared in March 2020. This emergency amendment requires that all test results for COVID-19 (whether negative or positive) are sent to the Department.

*DHSS finds that there is an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare, which requires this emergency action. A proposed amendment, which covers the same material, is published in this issue of the **Missouri Register**. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the **Missouri** and **United States Constitutions**. DHSS believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed January 3, 2022, becomes effective January 18, 2022, and expires July 16, 2022.*

(6) A physician, physician's assistant, nurse, hospital, clinic, or other private or public institution providing diagnostic testing, screening or care to any person with any disease, condition, or finding listed in sections (1)–(4) of this rule or who is suspected of having any of these diseases, conditions, or findings, shall make a case report to the local health authority or the Department of Health and Senior Services, or cause a case report to be made by their designee, within the specified time. **All testing results for COVID-19, whether negative or positive, shall be reported to the Department of Health and Senior Services.**

(8) Any person in charge of a public or private school, summer camp, or child or adult care facility shall report to the local health authority or the Department of Health and Senior Services the presence or suspected presence of any diseases or findings listed in sections (1)–(4) of this rule according to the specified time frames. **All testing results for COVID-19, whether negative or positive, shall be reported to the Department of Health and Senior Services.**

AUTHORITY: sections 192.006, 192.020, 210.040, and 210.050, RSMo 2016. This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50-101.020. Original rule filed July 15, 1948, effective Sept. 13, 1948. Amended: Filed Sept. 1, 1981, effective Dec. 11, 1981. Rescinded and readopted: Filed Nov. 23, 1982, effective March 11, 1983. Emergency amendment filed June 10, 1983, effective June 20, 1983, expired Sept. 10, 1983. Amended: Filed June 10, 1983, effective Sept. 11, 1983. Amended: Filed Nov. 4, 1985, effective March 24, 1986. Amended: Filed Aug. 4, 1986, effective Oct. 11, 1986. Amended: Filed June 3, 1987, effective Oct. 25, 1987. Emergency amendment filed June 16, 1989, effective June 26, 1989, expired Oct. 23, 1989. Amended: Filed July 18, 1989, effective Sept. 28, 1989. Amended: Filed Nov. 2, 1990, effective March 14, 1991. Emergency amendment filed Oct. 2, 1991, effective Oct. 12, 1991, expired Feb. 8, 1992. Amended: Filed Oct. 2, 1991, effective Feb. 6, 1992. Amended: Filed Jan. 31, 1992, effective June 25, 1992. Amended: Filed Aug. 14, 1992, effective April 8, 1993. Amended: Filed Sept. 15, 1994, effective March 30, 1995. Amended: Filed Sept. 15, 1995, effective April 30, 1996. Emergency amendment filed June 1, 2000, effective June 15, 2000, expired Dec. 11, 2000. Amended: Filed June 1, 2000, effective Nov. 30, 2000. Emergency amendment filed Dec. 16, 2002, effective Dec. 26, 2002, expired June 23, 2003. Amended: Filed Dec. 16, 2002, effective June 30, 2003. Amended: Filed Oct. 1, 2004, effective April 30, 2005. Amended: Filed Feb. 15, 2006, effective Sept. 30, 2006. Amended: Filed Nov. 15, 2007, effective May 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Nov. 10, 2015, effective April 30, 2016. Emergency amendment filed Aug. 29, 2016, effective Sept. 8, 2016, expired March 6, 2017. Amended: Filed Aug. 29, 2016, effective Feb. 28, 2017. Emergency amendment filed June 28, 2019, effective July 8, 2019, terminated Jan. 30, 2020. Amended: Filed June 28, 2019, effective Jan. 30, 2020. ** Emergency amendment filed Jan. 27, 2020, effective Feb. 10, 2020, expired Aug. 7, 2020. Amended: Filed Jan. 27, 2020, effective July 30, 2020. **Emergency Amendment filed Dec. 30, 2021, effective Jan. 14, 2022, expires July 12, 2022. Amended: Filed Dec. 30, 2021.***

**Original authority: 192.006, RSMo 1993, amended 1995; 192.020, RSMo 1939, amended 1945, 1951, 2004, 2016; 210.040, RSMo 1941, amended 1993; and 210.050, RSMo 1941, amended 1993.*

***Pursuant to Executive Order 21-07, 19 CSR 20-20.020, sections (1), (6), and (8) was suspended from March 23, 2020 through August 31, 2021; section (10) and section 192.067, RSMo was suspended from March 26, 2020 through August 31, 2021; section (6) was suspended from April 2, 2020 through August 31, 2021; 19 CSR 20-20.020 and sections 192.067 and 192.667, RSMo was suspended from April 3, 2020 through August 31, 2021; and 19 CSR 20-20.020 and sections 192.067 and 192.667, RSMo was suspended from April 8, 2020 through August 31, 2021.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency amendment will cost private entities approximately \$402,640.00 in the time the emergency is effective.