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Michael L. Parson Governor

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As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ("Department"), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-04, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of the Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

## **Dual Reporting of Negative COVID-19 Lab Results**

19 CSR 20-20.020(6) shall be waived to the extent that it requires duplicative reporting to the Department of Health and Senior Services of negative test results for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by a hospital and the separate laboratory that conducted the testing. Under this waiver, when the testing is conducted outside the hospital by a separate laboratory that must also report the result to the Department, only the laboratory must make the report.

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