March 25, 2020

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.

Release of Information to 911 and First Responders

Section 192.067, RSMo, and 19 CSR 20-20.020(10), shall be waived to the extent necessary for the Department of Health and Senior Services and local public health authorities to release the address where an individual is located, who is known to be under a public health authority order of quarantine or isolation, or request for self-quarantine or self-isolation, to public safety agencies, including but not limited to 911 dispatch centers, emergency medical services agencies, law enforcement, and fire protection agencies. Such waiver shall not allow the release of the names of such individuals. Such waiver shall not allow the release of such information to any person or entity (and within the membership of such entity) beyond those strictly necessary to accomplish the purpose of this waiver, which is to protect the health of public safety officers and persons subject to such public health orders and requests. This waiver shall not be construed to make any location information released under this waiver a “public record” under Chapter 610, commonly referred to as “Missouri’s Sunshine Law”. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall work with local public health authorities to provide such information in an easily accessible format.

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