

**OSAGE COUNTY HEALTH**  
**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 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 10 people or less and that events with fewer than 10 people be permitted only if the organizers adhere to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC’s guidance dated March 16, 2020 does not apply to the day-to-day-operations of schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC’s guidance dated March 16, 2020 “is not intended to supersede the advice of local public health officials”;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Susan Long, RN, BSN, Osage County Health Department Director, Osage County, Missouri, under the authority conferred to me by Missouri Code of State Regulations 19CRS20-040, do hereby **ORDER** and **DECLARE** the following:

1. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to organize or to attend an intentional gathering of 10 people or more in a single space or room. It is further provided that any person who organizes a gathering of 9 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 shall not apply to essential governmental proceedings, educational institutions, daycare facilities, and business operations.

2. This order shall be effective immediately upon my execution hereof and it shall expire April 1, 2020.

**SO ORDERED** this seventeenth day of March 2020.

OSAGE COUNTY, MISSOURI

  
ADMINISTRATOR

Osage County Health Department

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
East District Commissioner

  
West District Commissioner