FAQ Document for Order 2020-04

How is this order different from the existing order?
This Stay at Home Order Renewal extends the existing order to 11:59 pm. on May 3 and provides guidelines for some non-essential businesses to operate in a limited capacity.

How does this order differ from the Governor's order?
There are several differences between the Missouri statewide order and the local Columbia/Boone County order. The main difference is that the statewide order allows nonessential businesses to be open, with a capacity of 10 people or less. However, the local order only allows nonessential retail businesses to offer curbside pickup. All other nonessential businesses not involved in retail must remain closed under the order expires at 11:59 p.m. on May 3.

Can other previously closed facilities such as gyms, movie theaters, playgrounds and pools open under this order?
No, all facilities and activities considered nonessential will remain closed until the order expires on 11:59 p.m. May 3 or is otherwise amended.

When will this Stay at Home Order renewal expire?
The Stay at Home Order renewal is currently scheduled to expire at 11:59 p.m. on May 3.

What order do I follow, the state order or the local order?
The statewide order establishes the minimum requirements that must be complied with. Local health authorities may enforce more restrictive public health requirements. Therefore, you must follow the local order, as well.

Can nonessential businesses do curbside pickup?
Yes, under this new order nonessential businesses can offer contactless curbside pickup. There is guidance available on our website that details the safest practices for curbside pickup.

Can bars open for curbside pickup?
Bars will remain closed and cannot do curbside pickup.
Can restaurants open for dine-in services?
No, restaurants are not able to open for dine-in services at this time. However, they can continue to do curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery.

Can I have a small gathering if it’s less than 10 people?
No, any nonessential gathering of any number of people is still prohibited under the renewed order. This includes any gathering in a residence, public facility, or outdoors.

What comes after the Stay at Home Order?
PHHS is working hard to develop a plan and guidance moving forward that is based on the latest epidemiological evidence, as well as what is best for the health and safety of our specific community. We will have more information regarding that next week.

Have the business community, restauranteers, and others been involved in providing input to these orders and to the plan which is expected next week?
Yes, we have been in regular contact with business owners and the Chamber of Commerce to address any concerns they may have about our plans moving forward. However, our decisions are based on the latest evidence-based health guidance to ensure the safety of all our residents. Our team will continue to work closely with industry leaders to ensure that they are prepared for our plans moving forward.