



**Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson**  
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**COVID-19 BRIEFING**  
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Good afternoon. Thank you for listening again today.

As of 2:00 p.m. today, there have been 4,388 positive cases of COVID-19 in Missouri, including 114 deaths. Approximately 45,000 Missourians have been tested as of Saturday.

Last week, we announced plans to move forward with our first alternate care site in the St. Louis region. I'm happy to report that project has been completed and will be available to accept patients starting tomorrow if needed.

Working alongside the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, many partners in state government pulled together in this effort, including the Missouri National Guard.

We are very thankful for their hard work and coordination to convert this facility in such a short amount of time, giving us more flexibility in our COVID-19 response.

Today, Director Karsten is here to provide more details.

*(DIRECTOR KARSTEN SPEAKS)*

Thank you Director Karsten.

As we continue to combat COVID-19, we are in constant communication with doctors and hospitals across the state.

From converting ICU beds to training health care personnel and establishing remote testing sites, our hospital and health care workers have responded to COVID-19 without hesitation. They have been working 24/7 on the frontlines of this crisis, risking their own health to care for fellow Missourians.

We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication at all times, but especially right now. We have an excellent health care system, and I am extremely confident and proud of our hospitals as we continue to fight COVID-19.

Today, Missouri Hospital Association President and CEO Herb Kuhn is here to talk more about key actions taken by hospitals across the state.



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*(HERB KUHN SPEAKS)*

Thank you, Herb.

While the number of COVID-19 cases rises, I want to remind Missourians that each day, people are recovering.

To help current COVID-19 patients, the Department of Health and Senior Services is encouraging those who are fully recovered from COVID-10 to donate plasma.

Today, Dr. Williams is here to provide more details.

*(DR. WILLIAMS SPEAKS)*

Thank you, Dr. Williams. Now I'll turn it over to Kelli for questions.

*(OPEN FOR QUESTIONS)*

Thank you again to all Missourians for your efforts and cooperation during this difficult time.

I know this Easter weekend looked different for most of us, but we greatly appreciate everyone's commitment to following the "Stay Home Missouri" Order.

These efforts ARE working, and we MUST keep it up. Our actions today will determine where we are weeks from now.

So please continue to be smart, be responsible, and STAY HOME, MISSOURI.

Thank you and God bless.