

**Title 19 – Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division 20 – Division of Community and Public Health  
Chapter 20 – Communicable Diseases**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**19 CSR 20-20.050 Quarantine or Isolation Practices and Closing of Schools and Places of Public and Private Assembly.** The department is amending the purpose statement, section (3), and adding section (4).

*PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies a component of section (3) and adds a section (4) pertaining to the issuance of gathering orders.*

*PURPOSE: This rule provides for the isolation or quarantine of persons and animals with a communicable disease and their contacts; it also authorizes the closing of schools and places of public and private assembly **as well as the issuance of gathering orders.***

(3) The local health authority, the director of the Department of Health and Senior Services or the director's designated representative is empowered to close any public or private school or other place of public or private assembly when, in the opinion of the local health authority, the director of the Department of Health and Senior Services or the director's designated representative, the closing is necessary to protect the public health. However, in a statewide pandemic, **as established by [only]** the director of the Department of Health and Senior Services or the director's designated representative, **such individual** shall have the authority to close a public or private school or other place of public or private assembly. The director or designated representative shall consult with the local health authorities prior to any such closing. Any school or other place of public or private assembly that is ordered closed shall not reopen until permitted by whomever ordered the closure.

**(4) The director of the Department of Health and Senior Services or the director's designated representative may issue an order limiting public gathering to a certain number of people as established by order, when, in the opinion of such person, such limitation is necessary to protect the public health. For the purpose of this rule, the term "gathering" shall mean any planned or spontaneous event or convening that would bring together more than the established number of people in a single space at the same time.**

*AUTHORITY: section 192.020, RSMo Supp. 2006.\* This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50-101.061. Original rule filed Dec. 11, 1981, effective May 13, 1982. Emergency amendment filed June 15, 2007, effective July 6, 2007, expired Jan. 1, 2008. Amended: Filed June 15, 2007, effective Jan. 30, 2008. Amended: **Filed March 20, 2020.***

*\*Original authority: 192.020, RSMo 1939, amended 1945, 1951, 2004.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.*

**NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:** *Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Adam Crumbliss, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Community and Public Health, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*

**Comments are due by May 30, 2020**