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## COVID-19 Outbreak

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DHSS and the CDC are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in almost 70 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19").

## COVID-19 Testing Reported to Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

As of 4:45 p.m. CT, March 12

**Patients Tested at Missouri State Public Health Laboratory and CDC\***

Negative	71
Presumptive Positive**	1
Deaths	0
CDC Confirmed Positive	1
Total Patients Tested	73

### Patients Tested by Commercial Laboratories\*\*\*

Positive	0
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\*Prior to the MSPHL's approval to test for the virus that causes COVID-19 on Feb. 27, the CDC was performing testing for Missourians. The first 9 patients were tested by the CDC.

\*\*Presumptive positive cases mean individuals with at least one respiratory specimen that tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 at a state or local laboratory. Test positive at the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory, pending confirmatory testing at the CDC. Following confirmation at CDC, the case will change to Positive (Confirmed).

\*\*\*COVID-19 is a reportable disease. Regardless of whether the testing is done by the State or commercially, positive results must be reported to state and federal officials.

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