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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 6:15 p.m. CT, March 17

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

Negative	253
Deaths	0
Positive	13
Total Patients Tested	266

### Cases by County

County	Positive by State Public Health Laboratory	Positive by Commercial or Other Laboratory
Boone	1	
Cass	1	1
Cole	1	
Greene	4	
Henry	1	
Jackson		1
St. Louis City	1	
St. Louis County	4	

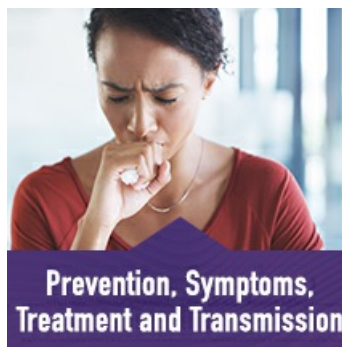
### Patients Tested by Commercial or Other Laboratories\*\*

Positive	2
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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.

\*\* 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. As commercial labs increase their capacities to test for COVID-19, reporting of such cases may be delayed as data is supplied, received and processed. Often, local public health partners may be advised prior to DHSS.

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