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STATEMENT

STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS URGE MISSOURIANS TO CONTINUE PREVENTION BEST PRACTICES DURING REOPENING

“Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Mike Parson and his administration, along with the adherence to social distancing and stay at home orders, we’ve slowed the spread of COVID-19 in the state. That unselfish sacrifice by so many is what has brought us to begin the phased opening our state’s economy this week. The following organizations — representing businesses, emergency services, governments, health care providers and individuals throughout the state — issued a statement on March 24 that urged all Missourians to support all the mitigation efforts available to slow the COVID-19 chain of transmission.

The phased-in resumption of our economy can only be successful if everyone in the state continues to follow the proven and well documented community-based interventions and prevention practices such as social distancing, hand washing, staying at home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes and wearing a face mask when in public places.

But, social distancing doesn’t mean not seeking care. It is important that all Missourians seek medical care if they are having an emergency and to receive ongoing treatment for chronic medical conditions. Health care providers across

the state are safe and ready to help. The sooner you seek care, the more likely it is you will have a better outcome.

Every Missourian has a role to play during this ongoing emergency and the reopening of our economy. The challenge continues to be real and immediate until the general population has immunity and a vaccine is developed and fully deployed. To help keep Missouri moving forward, we urge everyone in the state to continue to do their part.”

LeadingAge Missouri

Missouri Alliance of Home Care

Missouri Ambulance Association

Missouri Association of Counties

Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons

Missouri Bankers Association

Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Missouri Chapter, American College of Physicians

Missouri College of Emergency Physicians

Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association

Missouri Farm Bureau

Missouri Health Care Association

Missouri Hospital Association

Missouri Nurses Association

Missouri Primary Care Association

Missouri State Medical Association

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