



State of Missouri Team Members,

As we look forward to the new year, I hope each of you will take a moment to reflect on the incredible public service you have provided for our fellow citizens throughout an unprecedented time in our state's history. I'm humbled to be on the same team with you as we serve Missouri together.

As we look forward to 2021 and await the widespread availability of the COVID vaccine, it's important that we celebrate the holidays with the safety of our loved ones in mind. We still need to follow the basics for a while.

Remember, you can feel okay and still spread the virus. Wearing masks, staying six feet apart from others, and washing your hands often can help slow the virus' spread.

The beginning of the end of the pandemic is here, but it is not over yet. We can be hopeful, but we cannot let our guard down. With your continued hard work, focus, and commitment we will get there together.

2021 is Missouri's bicentennial year. It's an opportunity to write a new chapter in our great state's long history. Let's ring in Missouri's 200th birthday by taking care of our fellow citizens, our loved ones, and ourselves to end this pandemic.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

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