



# STRONGER TOGETHER

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Greetings, team members.

Last week, Governor Parson issued a [directive](#) requiring all State team members working in alternative locations to return to their State offices for in-person work no later than Monday, May 17, 2021. As you return to your pre-COVID-19 work settings, I would like to share some relevant improvements made to State facilities:

- Building ventilation control systems have been programmed to increase the amount of outside air brought inside, and the hours that these reprogrammed systems operate has been increased.
- Higher efficiency air filters have been installed in air handlers.
- Ultra violet (UV-C) lighting has been installed in numerous HVAC systems to improve disinfection capabilities.
- Some agencies have procured air filtration consoles for conference rooms.

## **Leave Guidance Memo**

I also want to remind you to follow the Leave Guidance Memo if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or other situations covered in the Memo. Here is the current version of the [Leave Guidance Memo](#).

## **COVID-19 Vaccination**

The CDC announced on May 13 that masks are no longer required in most indoor settings if you have been fully vaccinated. Read the [CDC announcement](#).

If you have not yet been vaccinated for COVID-19 and are able to do so, you are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.

On May 18, there is one remaining DMAT vaccination event for State team members. Follow this link to [schedule an appointment](#).

Additionally, the Strive for Wellness Clinic (Truman Building Room 478 in Jefferson City) is continuing to offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for active State employee subscribers who are enrolled in an MCHCP medical plan through Anthem. You can make an appointment by logging into your account here: <https://my.mchcp.org/login.aspx>. Detailed instructions are available in the [MCHCP Covid Vaccination Appointment Flier](#). There are still six parking spaces in Lot 7 on McCarty Street reserved for your use while you are in the Truman Building receiving your vaccination. Use this [MCHCP COVID Parking Map](#) for more details. Please remember to print out and complete your SFW HealthCenter COVID-19 Vaccination forms (available on the myMCHCP website) and bring them with you to your appointment.

Team members can also use [Vaccine Navigator](#) to find nearby available vaccinators. In addition, select [Walmart](#), [Hy-Vee](#), or [Health Mart](#) stores are providing vaccinations. Use these links to get additional information or sign up for an appointment at a participating store nearest you.

### **Additional Protective Measures**

If you have not been fully vaccinated, you are strongly encouraged to wear masks in common spaces such as lobbies, restrooms, conference rooms, hallways, break areas, or other areas in which groups are likely to congregate, and when social distancing of at least six feet is not possible and no physical barriers between team members exist. Additionally, team members should regularly wipe down workspaces and wash their hands.

Again, we want to thank each of you for the contributions you have made serving the people of Missouri. Throughout these challenging times, I have witnessed and been encouraged by the incredible efforts our team members have made to make sure State business never stopped. That is a testament to your passion for helping others. Thank you for your continued partnership in improving the lives of our Missouri citizens.

Sincerely,

Sarah Steelman

Commissioner

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