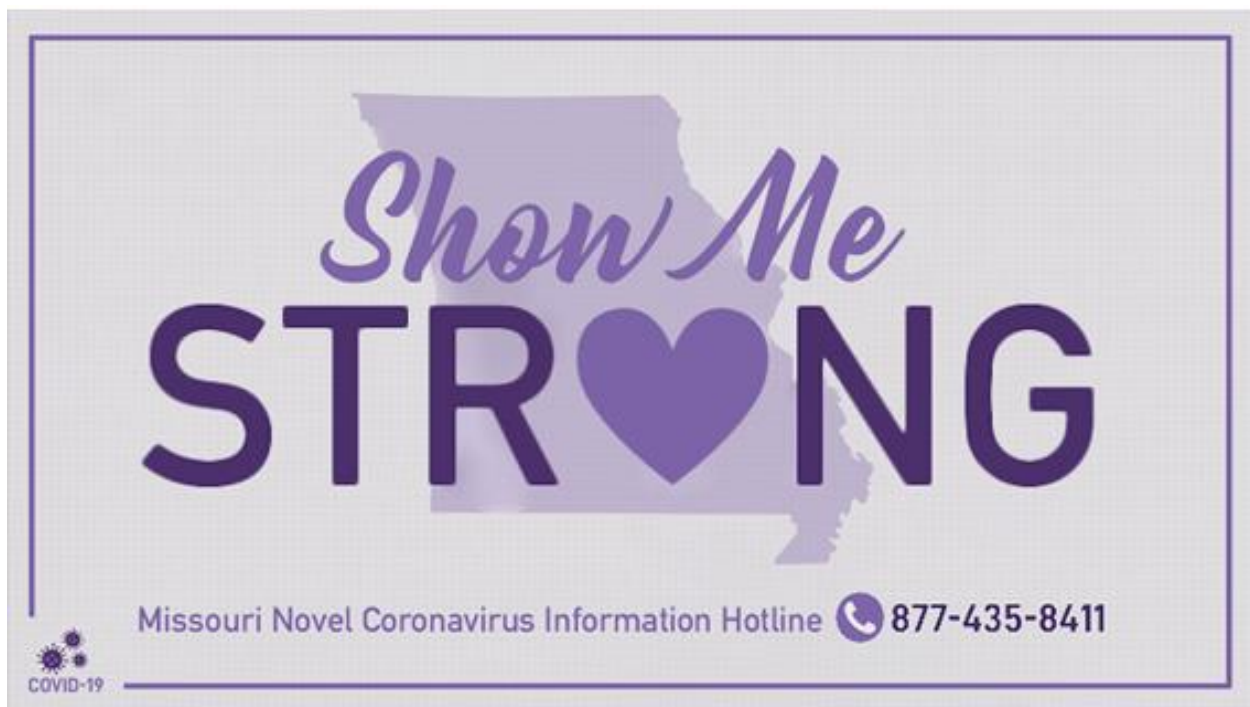


Office of Missouri Governor  
**MICHAEL L. PARSON**

Team members:

Thank you all for your hard work over the past several weeks. The State of Missouri's strong and quick response to the novel coronavirus pandemic is a result of your tireless work. I wanted to share this video with you that captures the strength of our state team members and the power of people working together to help one another.



[View the video with captions](#)

I recognize that this is a difficult time for each of you and your families. Some of our teammates are sick with COVID-19, and some are taking care of loved ones who are sick. Many of us are finding new ways to work remotely, including some with kids at home due to school closings. It is easy to miss the things we took for granted. We miss going out for family dinners at restaurants and getting together with friends. We miss our school and community activities. We miss those whose lives have been taken by this terrible virus.

Since the founding of our state, it has been through the struggles and adversity that we as Missourians reveal what we are made of, and I am proud of each and every one of you.

Each of our state departments have gone above and beyond to respond to fellow Missourians in need. Whether direct care givers in our institutions, guards in our prisons, maintenance staff in our facilities, or agents in our call centers, you have all been working tirelessly to help our citizens get through this crisis. We have team members processing tax returns, payroll and bills, compiling data, preparing budgets, processing unemployment claims, procuring medical supplies and equipment, and distributing needed supplies to health care workers. Needless to say, I am grateful to all of you and your commitment to public service.

You are helping the six million of us who proudly call Missouri our home. Through our efforts of staying at home, social distancing, and making smart and responsible decisions every day, we are rising to the challenge and moving Missouri forward. We couldn't do this without you.

For the brave men and women who must still physically go into work each day and put themselves at risk to help fellow citizens – I thank you for this. We also have many men and women working from home to keep others safe. I thank every one of you for this, too.

Together, we are one Missouri.

Together, we will persevere and overcome this challenge.

Together, we are **Show Me Strong**.

Thank you,

Governor Mike Parson