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Greene County Commission amends crowd gathering limits in response to COVID-19 coronavirus

Today the Greene County Commission held an emergency session in response to current events related to COVID-19 and amended the order signed yesterday related to crowd gatherings.

The Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Coronavirus mandates: that due to the characteristics and risks associated with the transmission dynamics of COVID-19, all group events or gatherings must be limited to 10 people or less until a court order is issued rescinding the action. Gatherings must be limited to 10 people or less on penalty of misdemeanor charges.

This order does not apply to educational institutions, daycare facilities, places of employment, grocery stores, retail stores or any activity a Court of competent jurisdiction holds cannot constitutionally be closed in these specific circumstances.

"This situation is ever-evolving and we are working collaboratively with our medical professionals as well as state and area leaders to make wise and prudent decisions that keep up with these changes." said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County

Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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