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THE WEEK AHEAD

MDP Coronavirus Resolution

In light of the COVID pandemic and the Governor's lack of action, the Missouri Democratic Party has passed a plan to contain the disease and address the complications it has caused. The proposal covers health, housing, and workers' needs. Below are some recommendations included in the resolution:

- Issue a statewide "Stay at Home" order, to help combat the spread of Covid-19.
- Request the appropriate funds from the state and federal government to fund increased testing, PPE, and when hot spots are identified, that the State provides additional resources for intervention and containment in hot spots, such as financing testing and other vital resources, such as mobilizing additional personnel.
- Ensure that essential first-responders have the Personal Protective Equipment they need when they need it. Government should pursue every available means to secure essential PPE items, such as N95 masks, goggles, gloves, and gowns.
- Implement a no-excuse vote-by-mail option to mail in or drop off a hand-marked paper ballot for all elections.
- Ensure that no essential health service is denied to a Missourian in need. That means no more kicking kids off their health insurance, making sure the uninsured are cared for, and that families can access the services they need regardless of their ability to pay.
- Suspend statutory hurdles to get unemployment payments to displaced workers quickly by ensuring all workers affected by coronavirus may receive unemployment payments, increasing the number of weeks workers are eligible to receive benefits, expanding the types of workers who are eligible, loosening restrictions on means testing to receive unemployment, and increasing the statutorily allowed amount of state unemployment payments.

- Suspend foreclosures, evictions, and utility shut-offs including water, gas, electrical, and cell phones.

Read the [resolution in full here](#).

MDP Applauds DNCC Proactive Decision to Put Safety First

The Democratic National Convention Committee has announced that the 2020 Democratic National Convention will be held the week of August 17, due to the unprecedented health crisis we are facing. Missouri Democratic Party Executive Director Lauren Gepford stated:

"We are thankful that leadership is doing the right thing, proactively taking steps to ensure the health and safety of convention-goers and the Milwaukee community alike. Moving the convention to the week of August 17 will give the Democratic National Convention Committee more time to monitor how the Coronavirus pandemic unfolds so we can best follow the advice of health care professionals. We applaud taking proactive steps, and being able to adapt in the face of the unknown. The Missouri Democratic Party remains excited to come together to nominate the candidate who will defeat Donald Trump."

A Note from the Missouri Democratic Party Finance Director

Hey everyone, Jordan here. I can't say how thankful we've been for your support during these hard times. As we've transitioned to digital campaigning, you all have stepped up tremendously - you're running for office, popping into virtual happy hours, getting trained, interacting with us on social media, and tossing some spare change our way too. We're so grateful for your engagement, please keep it up! **[If you have the ability to give, but haven't yet, we humbly ask you to chip in \\$3 bucks toward victory in November today!](#)**

Announcing the 2020 Train the Trainer T3 Webinar Training Program

The Missouri Democratic Party, together with the DNC and ASDC Best Practices Institute, are excited to announce the launch of our 2020 Train the Trainer (T3) Webinar Training Program! T3 is a free six-week, twelve-part webinar course, covering several aspects of grassroots campaigning. This program seeks to expand the skills of progressive activists and volunteers, by ensuring that comprehensive training is free and accessible for Democrats all over the country. **[Register for T3 today, and help us take our country back in 2020!](#)**

T3 trainings are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET, from April 7, through May 14. The deadline to register is **this Sunday, April 5 at 10:59 p.m. CST.**

Participants must complete all twelve sessions in order to receive certification. All training sessions will include a skills test to track retention and participation. Trainings will be recorded and made available following each session via a weekly wrap-up email, delivered on Fridays.

[Click here](#) to submit your registration!

Missouri Democrats Voter Registration Efforts Underway

Please check out and share ShowMeVotes.com, our website that features updated information on how and where to vote AND a really cool Sponsor-A-Voter Map. Pick a county or precinct to see how many unregistered, likely Democratic voters there are and choose how many folks you want to sponsor - just \$2 gets one new voter registered! They will receive a pre-filled registration form in the mail which automatically tracks if it's been returned so that we have a unique ability to follow up until that form arrives at their Board of Elections office.

Fund Our Voter Registration Efforts!

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Still waiting on a statewide Stay-At-Home order

Despite increased pressure on Gov. Mike Parson to issue a stay-at-home order, as of yesterday, he has doubled down on the idea that Missouri is too large and diverse to issue a mandate for the entire state. Missouri is one of only 10 or so states left without an order

issued by their Governor. For weeks now, Parson has downplayed the need to issue an executive order, and has relied on simply asking people to maintain social distancing, despite pleas from nurse's and doctor's associations, mayors, county executives, and the general public. Missouri now stands at over 1,800 confirmed cases in both urban and rural parts of the state.

We've also called on the Governor to support grocery and pharmacy workers to be [considered emergency first responders too](#). Thank you to the UFCW for highlighting these issues. Additionally, we call on Governor Parson to loosen restrictions on unemployment benefits in Missouri, where workers have the [3rd shortest time span in the country for unemployment benefits](#) and ensure all those affected by coronavirus can receive benefits.

Henry County Chair Al Grimes tragically passes due to COVID-19



The Democratic community lost William "Al" Grimes last week after a struggle with Coronavirus. Al served as the Chairman for the Henry County Democratic Committee, was active in Democratic Clubs and campaigns throughout Missouri's 4th Congressional District, and was a proud Navy Veteran. In 2014 and 2016, he stepped up to run for State Representative in Missouri's 57th House District.

We will miss Al's commitment, humor, and enthusiasm. He was a true blue Democrat who worked tirelessly to make Missouri better, and we will honor his memory by doing all we can to elect Democrats in November.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Al's family and are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. Al was sick for several weeks with a dry cough and saw his doctor several times, eventually being admitted to Golden Valley Hospital for observation on March 8th and put on

a ventilator on March 9th. After requests for a coronavirus test, he tested positive on March 15th and later transferred to a hospital in Kansas City.

These are very challenging times for Missouri. The Missouri Democratic Party urges Missourians to stay home, stay safe, and to encourage the government to expand testing and safety measures to flatten the curve.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Check out our calendar of [Virtual Events](#) going on all across the state!
- [4/6 Missouri Democratic Party Monthly Webinar Series with Jen Slavik Lohman](#)
- 5/30 Congressional Conventions
- 6/12 State Convention - Welcome Night
- 6/13 State Convention - Columbia Convention Center
- 8/4 Primary Election
- 8/17 National Convention - Milwaukee, WI (Postponed from July date)
- 9/12 Quarter 3 State Committee Meeting & Truman Dinner - St. Louis
- 11/3 General Election

TRAININGS & WEBINARS

- [DNC Storytelling via Selfie Videos - 4/3](#)
- [Transitioning to remote teams & organizing with "physical distance"](#)
- [How to Lead Better Online Meetings and Trainings - NonProfit Learning Lab](#)
- [Shifting Your Focus: Raising Funds and Engaging Donors During a Crisis - NonProfit Learning Lab](#)
- [Missouri Democratic Party Monthly Webinar Series - Monday, April 6 with Jen Slavik Lohman](#)

Onward,
Lauren Gepford
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