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Technical Advisory – April 13, 2020

COVID-19 Advisory #3

During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the public health and safety of all Audrain County residents is the primary concern and responsibility of the Audrain County Public Health Officer/Authority. Therefore, Audrain County residents are to refrain from hosting garage, yard, or rummage sales at this time, and until such time as social gathering and social distancing requirements are removed by Governor Parsons.

Under the Statewide Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Parsons and the Essential and Non-essential Business listing of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, garage, yard, or rummage sales:

1. Are not considered an essential business.
2. Often exceed social gatherings of greater than 10 individuals.
3. Cannot ensure the social distancing requirement of six feet between individuals.

This decision was also affirmed today by the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services & the City of Mexico. Other risks associated with garage/yard/rummage sales, include:

1. Increased traffic through certain neighborhoods in municipalities that may lead to traffic congestion, with the unintentional result of people congregating in groups larger than 10.
2. Potential for contact transmission of COVID-19 as sale items are handled by individuals.
3. The projected peak for the COVID-19 pandemic is not expected until the end of April and the virus is expected to continue to pose an infection risk for some time thereafter.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Dr. Sandra Hewlett at the Audrain County Health Department at 573-581-1332, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The City of Mexico's public service announcement follows for your convenience. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our county safe.



City of Mexico Public Safety Announcement

The City of Mexico is committed to looking after the safety and health of its residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important that all residents take precautions during the pandemic and keep social distancing requirements.

The City of Mexico discourages residents from holding garage or yard sales during this time. Please do not create unnecessary traffic through neighborhoods and the potential for people to congregate, putting themselves and others at risk.

The City of Mexico is your partner in reducing the risks of COVID-19. Contact us by phone at (573) 581.2100, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Follow us on Facebook, City of Mexico – City Hall for updates.

