



# CONQUERING COVID-19

## *Keeping Missourians Safe*



# SUPPORTING K-12 EDUCATION

A strong supporter of education, Governor Parson and his administration have worked with the Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education and Health and Senior Services throughout COVID-19 to provide critical guidance and assistance for Missouri's 555 school districts and charter schools.

- Allocated **\$79 million** to expand education opportunities and address COVID-19 challenges
- Allocated **\$30 million** to address the digital divide
- Allocated **\$15 million** to support student transportation costs
- Allocated **\$4 million** to support Sheltered Workshops
- Secured waivers to feed students during school closures
- Removed entrance barriers to the teaching profession to mitigate teacher shortages
- Held roundtable discussions with administrators and teachers across the state
- Developed application process for schools to receive a portion of **1.84 million** rapid antigen tests
- Distributed **3.8 million** cloth masks to schools
- Distributed **288,000 student meals** in partnership with the Missouri National Guard
- Issued **three rounds** of school reopening guidance and FAQs
- Issued **PPE guidance** for school nurses
- Approved an emergency rule regarding substitute teaching certifications
- Altered attendance formulas to accommodate alternative learning methods