When COVID-19 struck Missouri, Governor Parson quickly signed Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency. He and his administration have worked continuously with the Department of Public Safety, including the State Emergency Management Agency, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Missouri National Guard throughout the pandemic to keep Missourians as safe as possible.

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- Activated the State Emergency Operations Center on March 17
- Ordered $60 million in PPE for frontline responders
- Distributed 3.8 million masks to K-12 schools
- Distributed nine rounds of PPE to fire service and law enforcement
- Handled more than 900 resource requests to assist communities
- Utilized the Missouri Disaster Medical Assistance Team to respond to over 170 medical response missions
- Processed 782 federal disaster assistance applications from local jurisdictions
- Approved over $39 million in disaster reimbursements for local projects