



# CONQUERING COVID-19

## *Keeping Missourians Safe*



# PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

State officials learned early in the pandemic that congregate living settings, including Missouri's correctional facilities, were at a higher risk for the spread of COVID-19. Governor Parson and the Department of Corrections have worked continuously to protect the health and safety of vulnerable citizens within the state's correctional system.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

- One of the **first correctional systems** to suspend visiting, regular transfers, and outside programs
- One of the **first correctional systems** to implement staff screening, disinfection regimens, isolation plans, and face covering production
- Completed mass testing of offenders and staff in all facilities, testing more than **34,000 individuals**
- Established an aggressive viral containment strategy before the first identified case
- **Successful prevention of facility-wide outbreaks**
- Most **proactive** and **comprehensive** testing strategy of any department of corrections in the U.S.
- Implemented sample and wastewater testing to **identify the virus** and **prevent outbreaks**
- Established isolation units for positive residents and quarantine units for close contacts
- **Below-average infection rate** for U.S. prison systems
- Lower infection rate than prisons in **7 of 8 bordering states**