



Police
University of Missouri

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MUPD officers test positive for COVID-19

Local health department is working with officers to follow up with anyone who had close contact with them

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The University of Missouri has been informed that two officers with the MU Police Department have tested positive for COVID-19. Public health authorities are working with MUPD and the officers to manage each case. The individuals are currently being treated in isolation.

Public health officials from Columbia/Boone County Health and Human Services are investigating the cases, assessing the risk to others, and providing notifications to those who need to take increased precautions or monitor themselves.

“The health and safety of our officers and the campus community are top priorities for our department,” MUPD Chief Doug Schwandt said. “MUPD is following all CDC recommendations for first responders and using personal protective equipment, when appropriate.”

While the campus remains under limited operations following a UM System [presidential directive](#) issued March 23, MU strongly encourages the campus community to follow CDC recommendations to practice social distancing. More information about COVID-19 and university action can be found at the [MU Alert website](#).

Actions that individuals can take to protect their own health as well as the health and safety of the campus community include:

- Stay home if you are able.
- Wash hands regularly.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched items and surfaces.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

If you develop flu-like symptoms or experience respiratory symptoms, please seek medical attention and call your health care provider before arriving.

Mental health and counseling services available to MU students, faculty and staff can be found at counseling.missouri.edu.