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Cc: DNR.SWC Staff
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Update

THIS EMAIL IS BEING SENT ON BEHALF OF KURT BOECKMANN, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Good morning.

As the positive cases are increasing across the state, there continues to be impacts to the FSA, NRCS and SWCD offices. Earlier this week, Scott Edwards (NRCS State Conservationist) and Jeremy Mosley (FSA Acting State Director) addressed their staff with some additional cases being reported in several counties causing the COVID-19 implementation to move to a more protective status. The district conservationist in each county will be addressing the items with NRCS and SWCD staff. I want to emphasize that it is important that we let USDA help us through the process as changes are made daily. In some circumstances there is very limited space for district employees. I encourage district supervisors to exercise flexibility where possible on remote working in order to alleviate exposure between office workers.

Furthermore we would encourage the boards to communicate to staff if they don't feel 100% well, they should not come into the office and they should take leave or work remotely. District staff may have limitations working remotely if they don't have availability to a NRCS laptop. MOSWIMS is available on a public domain and doesn't have to be accessed from the state computer. The address for MOSWIMS is <https://apps5.mo.gov/swims/>. Also district staff can access their state email through <https://webmail.mo.gov> from any internet connection.

As of Monday, November 23, I directed my staff to not attend board meetings in person or go to any USDA office until further notice. If you have questions or would like guidance in setting up meetings or policy questions please contact your district coordinator.

Thank You!

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Thank you.

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