




# INVEST IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR ALL MISSOURIANS

**Effective public health strategies will lower costs for our healthcare system, but we must invest in public health in order to earn financial savings and healthier communities.** Public health creates an environment where the economy grows, communities thrive, and all of us have the fair opportunity to reach our full potential. Public health is a shared responsibility between federal, state, and local governments. COVID-19 demonstrates that public health must have the resources and capacity to build community resilience and preparedness, issue and enforce public health orders, share information with key partners and the public, and lead the health and medical response to public health emergencies.

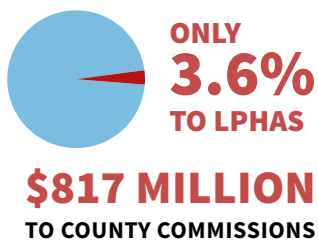
## COVID RESPONSE COSTS

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AREA BY POPULATION	 < 150,000 PERSONS	 150,000—480,000 PERSONS	 480,000+ PERSONS
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR 2020	\$490,298	\$5,152,264	\$28,829,920
COST PER PERSON	\$6 <sup>71</sup>	\$19 <sup>55</sup>	\$45 <sup>51</sup>

Based on an average of six jurisdictions reporting estimated COVID costs for 2020. Source: MOCPHE, September 2020.

## COVID RESPONSE FUNDING

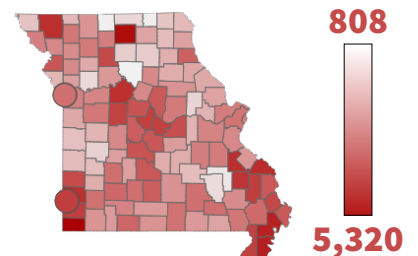
**% OF COMMISSION HELD CARES FUNDING SHARED WITH LPHAS**



**FUNDING TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES FOR COVID RESPONSE**



**COVID CASE RATE HIGHEST IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**



Based on reporting from 99 of 114 Missouri local public health agencies. Source: DHSS, September 24, 2020.

DHSS. Cases per 100,000. October 26, 2020.

“Health departments are already understaffed and underfunded...These professionals do important work that most people don’t even realize is happening...They also play an essential role in keeping communities healthy and safe, every day.”

— **BRIAN CASTRUCCI, CEO**, DE BEAUMONT FOUNDATION

**12 LPHA ADMINISTRATOR POSITIONS VACATED SINCE MARCH 1, 2020**

**10.5% TURNOVER IN LEADERSHIP**

Loss of institutional expertise and increased costs up to 200% of salary