

IT'S TRUE! WE ARE ALL SOLD OUT

Students feel the stress while shopping during COVID-19 panic



“My family and I went to multiple stores including Costco, Schnucks and Dierbergs to find toilet paper. They were sold out everywhere.”
Dillon Clark (10)



“My parents were very stressed out that they couldn't find any [disinfecting wipes] online or in stores. It is very concerning.”
Claire Fredman (9)



“My family went to stores all over St. Louis looking for face masks...but none had any in stock...My family decided to make their own homemade masks.”
Mason Player (12)



“My family had a very hard time finding hand sanitizer...The only ones we could find were the travel size ones.”
Audrey Christner (11)



“Since everyone is doing their nails at home because the nail salons are closed, I couldn't find any nail polish at the store.”
Kathleen Birchfield (11)

SHUT DOWN BUSINESSES

Ladue students with parents that own businesses describe how they are affected by COVID-19

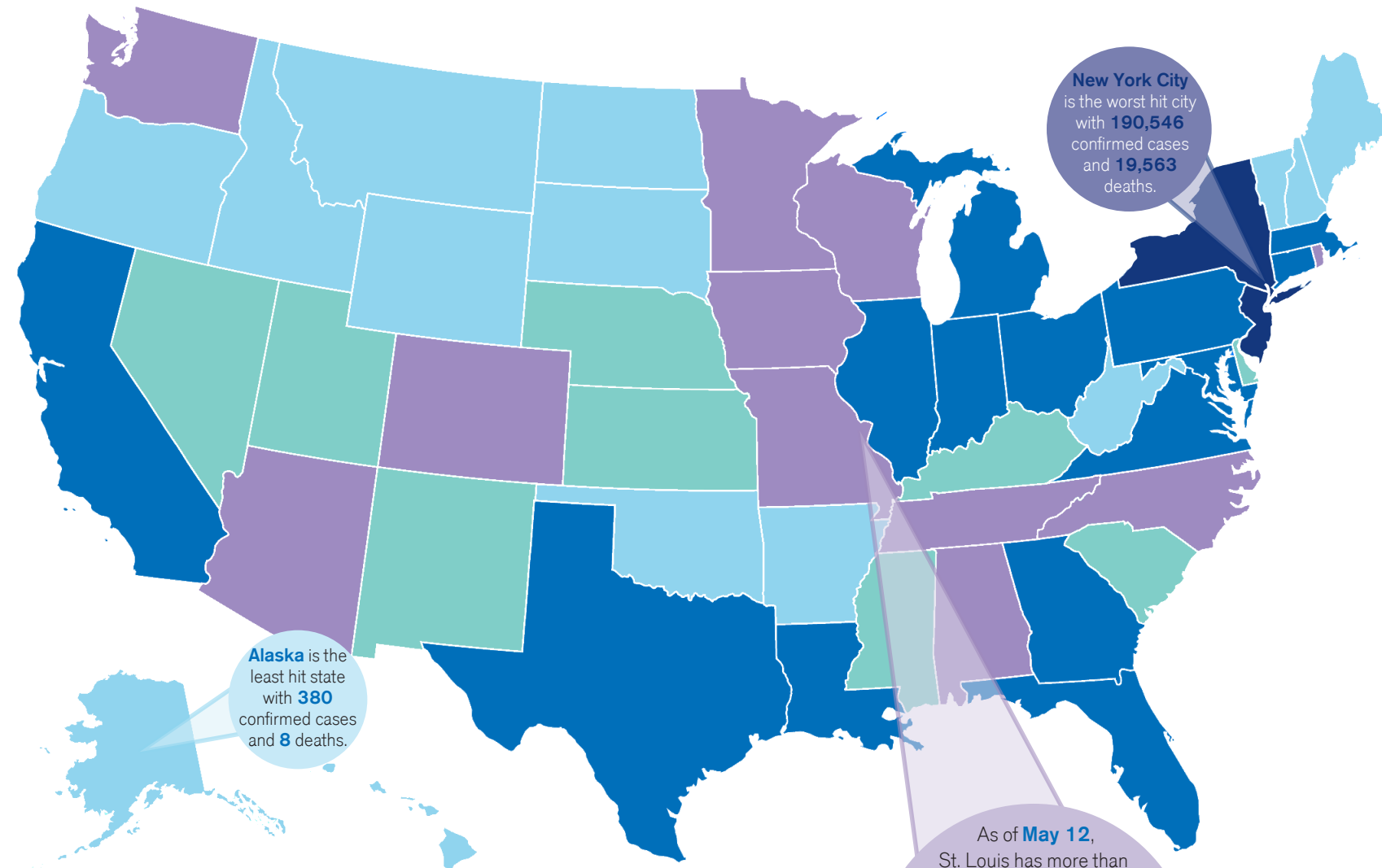
“Olivette Diner has lost a majority of its customers with only the regulars coming in to get takeout. It's not worth having a full staff if you're only getting one or two customers an hour, so the Diner had to lay off employees who had worked there for tens of years, which was so sad to see. It's really heart-wrenching to see an establishment that was once so full of life now reduced to just an empty restaurant,” Jackson Diblasi (10) said.



“We had to close the shop on March 19. We have an e-commerce website, so we quickly put as much inventory online, but our sales are down 80-90 percent. We are offering free shipping on all orders through our website, and even personally delivering local orders, often on the same day. We try to go above and beyond, but it's hard not knowing when we will be able to reopen. And even then, how will retail shopping be altered?” May Lorenz (10) said.



“The store, Timekeepers, is a watch shop in Clayton. It is being affected by us having no costumers. We've made changes to adapt to the pandemic, like that we are mostly staying home and only doing a little curbside service,” Sarah Pernik (10) said.



COVID-19 HOTSPOTS

Total number of COVID-19 cases in the United States per state as of May 12

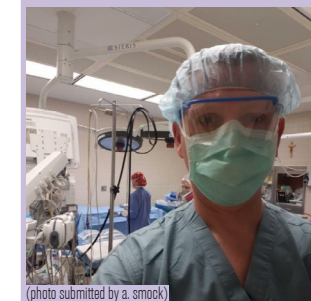
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- 10,000 - 19,999
- 5,000 - 9,999
- < 5,000

All case numbers were collected from the New York Times as of May 12.

As of May 12, St. Louis has more than **double** the number of COVID-19 cases than any other city or county in Missouri. St. Louis City and County combined have a total of **5,354** cases. St. Louis County is under a **stay at home order** until reevaluation in later May, while the state of Missouri reopened **May 4**.

HOSPITAL HEROES: STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Andrew Smock (10) shares what his father has been doing to aid in stopping COVID-19 at Mercy hospital



What is your dad's job title and what does he practice? He's a burn and plastic surgeon at Mercy Hospital. He helps direct the burn practice as well as [dealing] with lots of patients who are either burnt or cut.

Has he done anything to help with COVID-19? If so, what has he done?

He doesn't deal with any patients, but he did make the decision to move a few of the ventilators that the burn practice normally has to the ER for anyone [struggling against COVID-19].

Has his work schedule changed at all since the quarantine?

Yes. After we came home from our short spring break trip to St. Paul, he wasn't allowed to go to the hospital for two weeks. Now, his schedule has changed because he sees certain patients on a video call who would normally just have gotten a checkup.

SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN UNITED STATES

The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was confirmed Feb. 26 in California. From that day on, COVID-19 has managed to spread to every state in the country, including Alaska and Hawaii. The first state to be hit hard by the outbreak was Washington, reaching a death toll of over 900 people rapidly. The states with highly populated urban areas, such as California, Illinois and New York, were the next hit, suffering most of March and April. While Missouri is not considered an epicenter as of May 12, there are 10,025 confirmed cases statewide and 512 deaths, compared to New York's 342,267 confirmed cases and over 27,000 deaths.

