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No path for wage increase

Efforts to include minimum wage hike in COVID-19 relief bill appear all but dead.

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## Fixing a void

Part of Frederick Avenue closed for weather-delayed sewer repairs

By QUINN RITZDORF  
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Frederick Avenue is closed to traffic from 18th Street to 20th Street due to city sewer repairs.

During an inspection, the city came across a void around a manhole on Frederick Avenue outside D&G Pub and Grub. The city was preparing to fix it, when freezing temperatures and winter weather delayed the project.

The city closed Frederick Avenue in preparation of the repairs but reopened

the westbound lane when work couldn't be done due to the weather.

But now that the weather is warm, both lanes are closed, forcing drivers to take detours. Westbound traffic has to take Union Street to 22nd Street to get back to Frederick. Eastbound traffic has to turn right on Howard Street then a left on 18th Street.

"Detour's been going on for a better part of two weeks, because we found

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Frederick Avenue between 19th and Colhoun Streets is closed for city sewer repairs.

### NEW ROUND OF VACCINATIONS ON THE HORIZON



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This photo shows Carden Park Elementary School. The St. Joseph School District has over 600 workers who plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The tier for essential workers opens on March 15.

## NEXT IN LINE

St. Joseph prepares for opening of next COVID vaccine tier

By CLAYTON ANDERSON  
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More than 600 St. Joseph teachers could be getting in line to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

later this month after Missouri announced it is making the shots available for many essential workers starting March 15.

Those in Phase 1B tier 3 include critical workers in education, childcare, food and agriculture and government, among others, according to the [covidvaccine.mo.gov](https://www.covidvaccine.mo.gov).

St. Joseph School District Health Coordinator Maria Burnham said there are more than

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Mosaic looks to plan for leftover vaccines

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Chiefs' GM Veach provides injury updates, outlook on offensive line

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## Everygy extends moratorium on disconnections

By JACOB MEIKEL  
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Energy provider Everygy will continue its moratorium on service disconnections through May 2.

"Back in early December, we announced that we had reinstated our moratorium on disconnection for non-payment," said Gina Penzig, manager of external communications for Everygy. "At that point, we set a deadline of March 1 saying that we would, as that day approached, that we would take a look again to see if circumstances had changed significantly. As we did that evaluation, the team decided that extension was the right thing to do."

The company first announced temporary moratorium plans in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which gave many residential and small business customers a chance to keep their electricity running even when their bills were past due.

Penzig said all things were considered by the company's team when deciding to keep



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Everygy customer call centers are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

the moratorium on disconnection for non-payment. Options such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, otherwise known as LIHEAP, and possible assistance through the next federal stimulus package would allow customers to gain some

ground before disconnections resume in early May.

"The disconnect moratorium has been an important help for customers through the pandemic, but through this time customers have continued to use electricity and accrued an account

balance," Penzig said. "So, this is a really good time to start identifying any community resources available."

The deadline for submitting LIHEAP applications for the Winter Energy Crisis

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HIGH: 60° | LOW: 32°

Annual statewide tornado drill at 10 a.m. for both Kansas and Missouri. Mostly Sunny, dry and warmer conditions today.

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