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President Donald Trump announced on Friday actions against China, citing a range of offenses ranging from treaty violations to intellectual property theft.

Unemployment rises in Buchanan County



In the office of Career Development at Missouri Western, pamphlets and templates are laid out for students use. But it is difficult to get a job right now even for the most prepared students.

Recent graduates struggle for opportunity as Department of Labor struggles with high numbers

By ZACH FISHER News-Press NOW

Across the nation, unemployment claims total the most in United States history. State-by-state claimant counts are high as well. In Missouri, the state had an unemployment rate of 4.5% in March, according to the U.S. Department

of Labor.

In Buchanan County, the rate was 4.2%, just below the state average for the unemployed. But unemployment claims from February to March saw a jump from 130 to 1,958 claimants.

"Over 90% of claimants have been able to file online without assistance using UInteract," Delores

Rose, the director of strategic communications for the Missouri Department of Labor, said. "Our challenge has been to set up three new federally funded assistance programs that are not part of the unemployment insurance program in less than a month while taking an

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TRADE DUPLICITY

In Washington, a new pushback emerges against China

By KEN NEWTON News-Press NOW

Two dynamics appear particularly important regarding Missouri's relationship with China.

One involves commerce: Depending on the year, the state exports between roughly \$800 million to more than \$1 billion annually to China. Most of that involves oilseeds, grains and meat products, according to the U.S.-China Business Council.

The other involves a Midwestern view of human rights: Mis-

souri members of Congress did not provide one negative vote to legislation in May sanctioning China for abuses heaped upon ethnic minorities, ranging from religious persecution to detention in concentration camps.

This balancing act has gone on for a while. China's nearly 1.4 billion people make for a compelling marketplace for foreign goods, not to mention a ready supply of low-cost labor for American companies locating abroad.

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For up-to-date information on area and national coronavirus pandemic, please visit: newspressnow.com/coronavirus.

Hydroxychloroquine being used locally for COVID-19

By CLAYTON ANDERSON News-Press NOW

The search for an antiviral and preventive drug for COVID-19 has been a priority for health professionals across the world. With the World Health Organization suspending the study on hydroxychloroquine, use of the drug as

a treatment has slowed locally.

Mosaic Life Care has been using hydroxychloroquine sparingly for those who have had severe COVID-19 symptoms, although Chief Quality Officer Dr. Edward Kammerer said physicians have started to prescribe it less and favor Remde-

sivir or a convalescent serum using the plasma of those who have COVID-19 antibodies.

"We're really not doing much of that much in the way of hydroxychloroquine anymore, because the studies coming out of America don't seem to support the fact that it's very effective,"

Kammerer said.

Despite the fact that President Donald Trump said on May 18 that he had been taking the drug himself every day for two weeks, many health professionals have warned the public of the potential harmful side effects.

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Hydroxychloroquine, the drug used to fight against Malaria, should not be used as a preventative step against COVID-19 according to some officials experts said.

Courtesy Northwest Health Services

Missouri picks up more than 13,000 COVID-19 cases

COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY REGION

Numbers reflect the data collected as of 11:30 p.m. Monday.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has sent to Brazil more than 2 million doses of a malaria drug touted by President Donald Trump as potentially protecting against and treating the coronavirus, even though scientific evidence has not backed up those uses.

In a joint statement with the Brazilian government on Sunday, the White House said the doses of hydroxychloroquine had been sent to Brazil for front-line health workers and as a therapeutic for those who may come down with the virus. The White House said it was also delivering 1,000 ventilators to Brazil. — Associated Press

| REGION | CASES | DEATHS |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| Buchanan Co. | 692 | 2 |
| Missouri | 13,147 | 772 |
| Kansas* | 9,719 | 208 |
| United States | 1,790,191 | 104,383 |
| Worldwide | 6,166,978 | 372,037 |

SOURCES: John Hopkins University; (Worldwide) — <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html> (United States) — <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map> (Buchanan County) — Buchanan County (Missouri) — Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (*Kansas) — Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The state has ended its daily reports and will release numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for its COVID-19 information.

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Missouri recorded 13,147 cases of COVID-19 on Sunday, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The number of cases is up by 185 from 12,962 on Saturday, resulting in a 1.4% increase.

The number of deaths increased from 771 to 772.

Meanwhile, Johns Hopkins University, which also counts presumptive positive cases, is reporting 13,298 cases in Missouri and 775 deaths.

In Buchanan County, 692 people have tested positive for the virus as

of Sunday, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Mosaic Life Care has issued 6,380 tests in its service area, with 329 returning a positive result, 5,944 a negative result and 57 still pending. Twelve people are inpatients in St. Joseph and one person in as inpatient in Albany.

Kansas recorded 9,719 cases of COVID-19 on Friday, up from 9,337 on Wednesday. A total of 208 people have died. The Kansas Department of Health releases numbers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



To view national and worldwide maps of confirmed COVID-19 cases, please visit: www.newspressnow.com/multimedia.

Protesters bring message to police head quarters

Wearing respirators masks and bearing signs, about 30 people marched holding signs and chanting to spread a message after killing of an unarmed black man in Minneapolis earlier this week.

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