***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Committees Begin**

Missouri senators begin the first day of committee hearings.

All committee assignments were announced last week.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Dave Schatz of Sullivan says, when it comes to the pandemic, there can be a number of days between exposure to COVID-19 and testing…

 **Schatz :04 Q: have any concerns.**

Coronavirus remains a concern for everyone in the Missouri Senate.

For Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Kansas City, it comes back to testing, something for which he continues to advocate…

 **Rizzo :08 Q: might be contagious.**

Space is limited for committee hearings this session. Plus, the Missouri Senate is again streaming audio of committee hearings, as it did last year.

There are 20 standing committees in the Missouri Senate for the 101st General Assembly.

This is the third week of the 2021 session.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.