

# Definitions & Missouri Vital Records

## **Early pregnancy loss (Miscarriage)**

- Less than 20 completed weeks gestation AND
- less than 350 grams AND
- no signs of life

The birth/loss is not reported to the Missouri State registrar. Consider printing an Acknowledgement of Life certificate.

### **Late Pregnancy Loss (Stillbirth)**

- At least 20 weeks gestation OR
- weight of 350 grams or more AND
- no signs of life

## Report to Missouri State Registrar:

- Fetal Death Facility Worksheet
- Fetal Death Mother's Worksheet

Parents can apply for "Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth"

• Application for Missouri Vital Record

#### **Neonatal death**

Any signs of life, regardless of gestational age, such as:

- heart rate
- breathing
- movement
- pulsation of the umbilical cord

File birth certificate as usual

- Missouri Birth Certificate Facility Worksheet
- Missouri Birth Certificate Mother's Worksheet

Mortuary or Medical Examiner will complete Death Report

Obtain copies of birth certificate/death certificate:

• Application for Missouri Vital Record

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