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# Clerk Bulletin

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### 2B Form Updated

CERF has updated its Form 2B – Designation of Survivor. This form is for participants who are leaving the county vested in the pension plan, meaning they have at least eight continuous years in an eligible position. Due to some confusion in the past, a box was added to let the participants know to choose either the declination of survivor benefits OR the survivor information option, not both.

Please use the updated form (version 5.7), which is on our website ([www.mocerf.org](http://www.mocerf.org)) under Forms. We always encourage counties to print forms from the website, rather than stockpile forms which quickly become outdated.

### Ready for the Eclipse?

We'd like to encourage everyone to be safe when viewing the Aug. 21, 2017, eclipse. It should be a spectacular show, as it darkens skies from Oregon to South Carolina. Missourians will have a front-row seat. A narrow band of land about 70 miles wide will experience a total solar eclipse, while the rest of the state will see a partial eclipse.

Cities in the path of totality include St. Joseph, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Chillicothe, Dalton, Marshall, Boonville, Sedalia, Mexico, Columbia, Jefferson City, Fulton, Union, Sullivan, Farmington, O'Fallon, Chesterfield, Kirkwood, Arnold, Festus, Perryville and Cape Girardeau.

Depending on your location, you will see the eclipse anywhere from around 1 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. And, of course, let's hope for sunny skies. Some locations will experience total darkness for nearly 2 ½ minutes.

But please be safe! NEVER look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. Standard or polar sunglasses are NOT solar filters. Some communities will have viewing stations set up, and special glasses are available for purchase at various locations. You can also research the pinhole projection method or other ways to safely watch the show.

Make the most of this. The last total solar eclipse to touch Missouri occurred on Aug. 7, 1869. The next one will be on April 8, 2024.

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