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### What We Know Now

July 31, 2020

A daily compilation of the latest news surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Community Care Network of Kansas. Visit our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page for complete, updated information.

#### Community Care Member Update

Today's Spotlight is on **Swope Health**, where staff says pediatrician Dr. Haluck sums it up "perfectly." #WhiteCoatsforBlackLives #BlackLivesMatter

#### From KDHE/Governor's Office

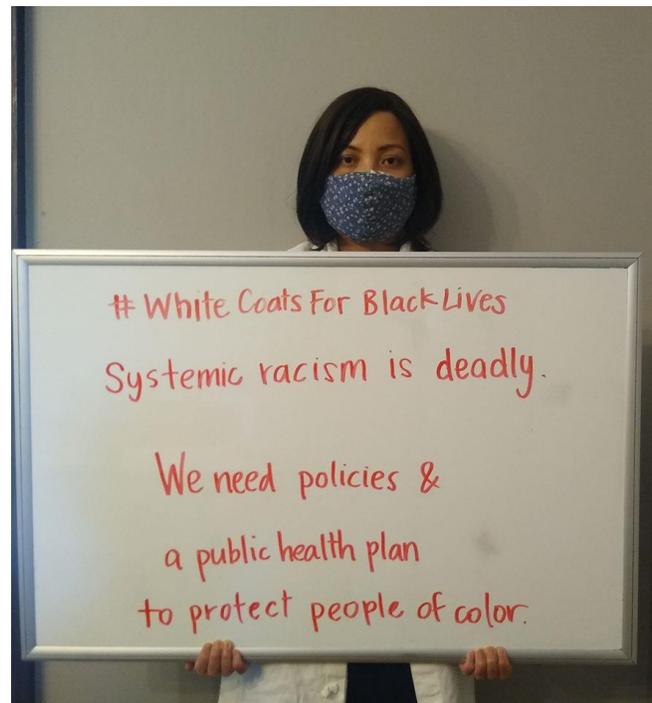
Latest statistics: 27,812 positive cases in 103 counties, 358 deaths, 1,596 hospitalizations, and 264,695 negative results. The state is monitoring 349 clusters, of which 141 remain active.

The percentage of tests coming back positive is up to 10.1% from 9.4% on Wednesday.

Kansas state law [HB 2016](#) is set to take effect today. This law makes it voluntary for a person to participate in contact tracing. KDHE Secretary

Dr. Lee Norman has shared his concern about this law and said, "testing and contact tracing go hand in hand." For additional information, see this [Kansas Reflector](#) article.

Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). Governor Rogers also serves on its four-member Policy Resolutions Committee, which recently led the effort to approve [19 policy resolutions](#) by NLGA Members. Resolutions on the importance of adopting telehealth and broadband in the states are particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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## **From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)**

There were no updates to the HRSA [FAQ page](#).

## **From the Department of Health and Human Services**

CMS and CDC announced yesterday that payment is available to health care providers to counsel patients, at the time of COVID-19 testing, about the importance of self-isolation after testing and prior to the onset of symptoms. CMS will use existing evaluation and management (E/M) payment codes to reimburse providers who are eligible to bill CMS for counseling services no matter where a test is administered, including doctor's offices, urgent care clinics, hospitals and community drive-thru or pharmacy testing sites. As part of this announcement CMS has released a [Provider Q&A](#) document, [Talking Points for Providers](#), and a [Counseling Check List](#).

The FDA released an update on its [COVID-19 Hand Sanitizers](#) webpage with a warning about the dangers of methanol contamination. They include a list of unsafe hand sanitizers [here](#).

DHHS released a public service announcement campaign to increase donations of convalescent plasma by the end of August. You can download the video and audio file of the PSAs [here](#).

## **From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

CDC updated their [Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing](#) yesterday.

CDC updated information on their [Rural Communities](#) webpage. Resources include information that rural communities can use to respond to COVID-19 and why they may be at higher risk during the pandemic.

CDC published a study today in its MMWR that highlights the importance of CDC mitigation strategies. The article reports transmission of COVID-19 at an overnight camp among campers and staff. The camp had not strictly followed all of the key steps to minimize the risk for transmission in camps. You can find the full article [here](#).

## **From the World Health Organization (WHO)**

WHO released a draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines, as of July 31, 2020. You can access the document [here](#).

## **From our Partners**

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts shared the newly released Federation of State Medical Boards COVID-19 directory. This comprehensive list of state and federal COVID resources is found [here](#).