



## COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK OF KANSAS

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### What We Know Now

August 13, 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 the **Funders** who support our mission to provide health care to underserved Kansans, regardless of ability to pay. Without their financial support, our 34 member clinics would be

unable to do their incredible work. CEO Denise Cyzman expresses gratitude from our entire organization in this short [video](#).

Community Care thanks the UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas for the thoughtful gift in honor of Community Care Clinic Week.

#### From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics (8-12): 32,547 positive cases in 103 counties, 395 deaths, 1,975 hospitalizations, and 302,016 negative results. The state is monitoring 408 clusters, of which 123 remain active. The outbreaks account for 8,135 cases and 257 deaths. In healthcare facilities, there are five active outbreaks affecting Barton, Jewel, Kingman and Wyandotte counties.

Highlights from the COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar include:

Thursday, August 13

Community Care Clinic Week 2020

### Community-Based Clinics

Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future.

#### Stakeholder Appreciation Day

Bipartisan support at the federal, state and local level – with assistance from foundations and the private sector – allows clinics to focus on providing quality care. Community-based clinics are driving healthcare transformation in Kansas.



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- The trend line for new cases is slightly up, hospitalizations continuing down, and deaths show a sharp decrease this week.
- The overall testing rate is 114.84/1,000 (up from 105/1,000 last week).
- Percent positivity is 9.7%, up for the fifth straight week (9.6% last week).
- 40% of all ICU beds across the state are available.
- 84% of ventilators statewide are available.
- KDHE will be tracking school absenteeism and mask usage at the county level and publish on their website once school begins. Schools will be required to submit weekly data whether classes are online, in-person or a hybrid model. KDHE will attempt to get data posted quickly enough for local officials to make informed decisions.
- New Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Hospitalization Rates and Characteristics of Children Aged Less than 18 Years Hospitalized with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19, indicates the most common underlying factor was obesity. The report can be read [here](#).
- 24,280 tests were conducted last week; 60,000 still is the monthly goal.
- Abbott IDNow kits/instruments should begin to be more available this month. Check with your vendor if needed.
- New social media resources, including mask-wearing for children, are available in the KDHE social media toolkit [here](#).

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

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

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

CDC updated its Contact Tracing Resources page to include guidance, counseling initiatives, infographics and other material. Access it [here](#).

Guidance offered in the Worker Safety and Support section also has been updated [here](#).

### **From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

CMS announced all versions of the 2021 Medicare & You handbook are available to pre-order now through Friday, August 21. If you already placed a pre-order, you do not need to place another. To place a pre-order, log in to the POW website [here](#). The handbooks will not be printed or shipped until this fall.

### **From our Partners**

McKesson Medical-Surgical, an affiliate of the McKesson Corp., announced special Community Health Center events in honor of National Health Center Week 2020. Read the press release [here](#).

### **From Media Reports**

Community Health Centers are Invaluable in the Fight Against the Coronavirus Pandemic. Read more at Forbes [here](#).



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