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What We Know Now

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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 **Hoxie Medical Clinic**, which allowed a view from Sheridan County of today's Annual Meeting. The **Community Care Annual Conference** starts Monday, and last-minute registrations will be accepted over the weekend. To see the agenda, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

From KDHE/Governor's Office

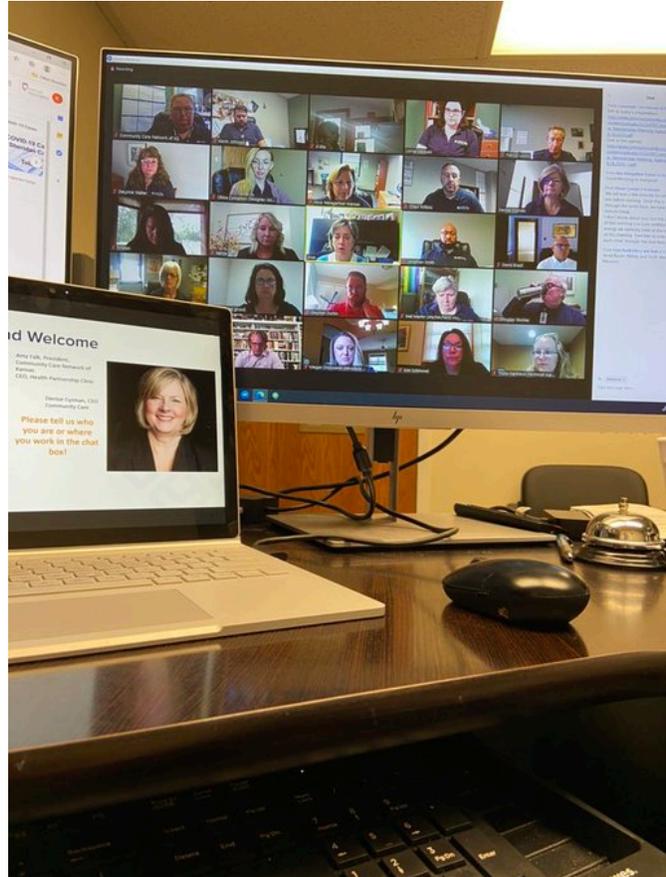
Latest statistics: 52,285 positive cases, 596 deaths, 2,671 hospitalizations, and 422,464 negative results. The state is monitoring 596 clusters, of which 191 remain active. At healthcare facilities, there have been 29 outbreaks (5 active), accounting for 183 cases and 3 deaths.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

There were no new updates to HRSA's [FAQ page](#).

From the National Association of Community Health Centers

There are clinicians who have a commitment to the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and for a variety of reasons find themselves not currently employed. If your health center might be interested in utilizing them (on-site or remote) during the pandemic, read this NACHC flyer [here](#).



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Earlier this month, NACHC submitted a comment letter to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAS) on the Discussion Draft of the Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation COVID-19 Vaccine. Read the letter [here](#).

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC has updated its guidance on Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) to reverse an earlier position, and now “reinforces the need to test asymptomatic persons, including close contacts of a person with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection.” See the new guidance [here](#).

From the National Institutes of Health

NIH announced a \$12 million award for outreach and engagement efforts in ethnic and racial minority communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. While no counties in Kansas were included in this effort to address health disparities, lessons learned should have applicability. Read the NIH press release [here](#).