



# COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK OF KANSAS

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## What We Know Now

October 19, 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 **Marian Dental Clinic**, which will have a virtual ground-breaking ceremony at 4 p.m. Friday, October 23, on its Elevated Care Project. The COVID-19 pandemic is not slowing down expansion and renovation plans that will allow the clinic to serve 40% more patients, upgrade to a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) HVAC system, and build three negative air pressure rooms. A preview of the project can be viewed [here](#). Event details can be found [here](#).

### From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics: 72,968 positive cases, 872 deaths, 3,421 hospitalizations, and 525,426 negative results.



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## KANSAS FINDINGS ON HEALTH CENTERS' RESPONSE TO COVID-19

As of October 9, 2020



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is surveying health centers weekly to track their COVID-19 response and their impact on patients. 68% (13) of Kansas health centers responded this week. Their results present a snapshot of an unprecedented and evolving situation.

### Kansas Health Centers Have Adapted to Meet Testing Needs in Their Communities



Have the ability to test



Have walk-up or drive-up testing

Statewide\*

560,189

CHCs

33,233

Percentage of state total

5.9%

Patients have been tested

65,807

3,700

5.6%

Patients have tested positive

\*KDHE data



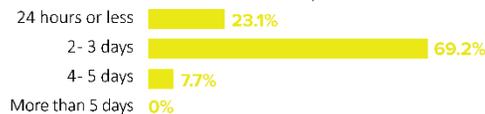
### In the past week:

**30.2%** Of patients tested were racial and/or ethnic minorities

**27.1%** Of patients tested positive were racial and/or ethnic minorities

### Turnaround Time for Test Results

% of Kansas health centers that experienced the following turnaround times for their patients results.



## From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

New updates from the CDC include a few worth sharing with patients:

- Cases and Deaths in the U.S. ([here](#)),
- Cases and Deaths by County ([here](#)),
- Holiday Celebrations ([here](#)),
- Your Health ([here](#)),
- Daily Activities and Going Out ([here](#)),
- Children, Teens and Young Adults ([here](#)), and
- Science Update ([here](#)).

## From the National Association of Community Health Centers

NACHC has released the Promising Health Center Practices During COVID-19 document. It compiles over six dozen entries received this summer in response to a Call for Best/Promising Practices Developed or Adapted During COVID-19. This activity was designed to gather, synthesize, and share promising practices and transformation activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The document can be found [here](#).

NACHC also posted a reminder about the U.S. Department of Labor's recent narrowing of its definition of which employees of health care organizations are exempted from paid leave under the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA). The new DOL definition of "health care employees" who can be denied FFCRA paid leave are those directly involved in patient care.

## From Our Partners

Health Forward Foundation is hosting a virtual panel about vaccines, the concerns of communities that have experienced health injustices, and solutions for advancing equity. Vaccine Equity: Building Trust Among Communities of Color in the COVID-19 Era will stream live from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (CST) Friday, October 23. For more details, click [here](#).

## From Media Reports

Hopes of "a bubble" gone, COVID-19 expands its footprint in unprepared rural Kansas. Read more at The Kansas City Star [here](#).

Wichita State University marked the opening of a high-volume COVID-19 test lab called the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory with a ribbon-cutting and remarks from Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly today. Read more at KSN.com [here](#).