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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

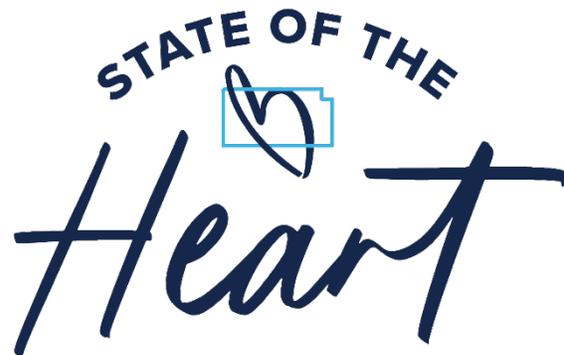
**Today's Spotlight** is on the **State of the Heart**, a new monthly vodcast series from **Community Care**. Especially during a public health emergency, this organization remains dedicated to helping shape the future of care in Kansas. With State of the Heart, we will explore themes of health-related foundational beliefs, policy development and implementation, and current/future practices with subject matter experts from across Kansas. The first vodcast features CEO Denise Cyzman discussing community, health equity, Medicaid expansion and more with Daniel Dawes, author of 150 Years of Obamacare and The Political Determinants of Health. To view State of the Heart, click [here](#).

#### From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics: 147,797 positive cases, 1,503 deaths, 4,921 hospitalizations and 651,388 negative results. Since Monday, there have been 5,738 new cases, 47 deaths and 144 hospitalizations reported. There have been 1,322 clusters statewide, with 517 still active. Healthcare facilities have had 75 outbreaks, 29 of which remain active.

KDHE released a COVID-19 Vaccine Update stating mid-December is when the first vaccine will gain federal approval. The update, which will now be distributed each Wednesday, can be viewed [here](#). The state's Vaccination Plan can be seen [here](#).

At today's press conference, Governor Kelly spoke of the alarming rate of the spread in Kansas and continuing an all-of-the-above strategy to stop it. She noted the Kansas Hospital Association and other organizations released the first of many Stop the Spread Kansas videos; more than 30 local leadership organizations have agreed to work with the Kansas Leadership Center and have community conversations, and many more counties are opting in to the statewide face covering protocol or have



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adopted their own policies. The governor shares in the statewide and nationwide concern about the surge of cases following the Thanksgiving holiday.

The lack of staffed hospital beds has reached a critical juncture. Secretary Norman said hospitals are at full capacity now, and KDHE is working with them to find creative solutions. Mission Control, a platform for coordinating the transportation of patients with one call, is live at more than 30 facilities. Frontline fatigue is present – and the public owes it to healthcare personnel to adhere to all safety measures.

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

HRSA reports that health centers providing bamlanivimab, a COVID-19 antibody treatment, to their patients should do so in a manner that is consistent with applicable standards of care and practice. For more information, see the Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers – Emergency Use Authorization of Bamlanivimab [here](#).

There were no other additions to HRSA's [FAQ page](#).

### **From the National Association of Community Health Centers**

Health Centers and the COVID-19 Vaccine Strategy, an article written by NACHC's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ron Yost, discusses the logistical planning health centers across the nation currently are engaged in. Community Care is working with KDHE to make funds available to Federally Qualified Health Centers in Kansas to be part of the initiative. Read the article [here](#).

### **From U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

FDA published Face Masks, Including Surgical Masks, and Respirators for COVID-19 to provide a comprehensive look at all aspects of these types of personal protective equipment. The information can be accessed [here](#).

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

The CDC released a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) titled Decline in SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies After Mild Infection Among Frontline Health Care Personnel in a Multistate Hospital Network. The MMWR can be viewed [here](#).

Other updates released include:

- Preparedness Tools for Healthcare Professionals and Facilities Responding to Coronavirus ([here](#)),
- About CDC Covid-19 Data ([here](#)),
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Cases ([here](#)), and
- Previous Forecasts: Cases ([here](#)).

### **From Media Reports**

Officials scale back contact tracing in the U.S., saying they cannot keep up. Read more from The New York Times [here](#).

More than half of Kansas counties now have mask mandates. Read more at The Topeka Capital-Journal [here](#) or from KCUR [here](#).



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