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## What We Know Now

December 1, 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 **Telehealth**, which has expanded tremendously during the pandemic. Kansas health centers are ready to take it to a new level by augmenting audio and video telehealth services with clinical data. The **State of Kansas** has allocated \$3 million for the purchase of portable patient monitoring devices that will connect at least 10,000 vulnerable Kansans to electronic health records or patient portals at the Community Care health centers. Read the press release [here](#).

**Hunter Health** was part of the KWCH story Clinics get ready for COVID-19 vaccine nearing release. To view the story, click [here](#).



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

As of November 20, 2020

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The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is surveying health centers weekly to track their COVID-19 response and their impact on patients. 74% (14) of Kansas health centers responded this week. Their results present a snapshot of the critical work being performed across the state.

**100%**

Have the ability to test

**94.4%**

Have walk-up or drive-up testing

Statewide*	CHCs	Percentage of state total
<b>763,893</b>	<b>47,102</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
Patients have been tested		
<b>134,533</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Patients have tested positive		

\*KDHE data

**In the past week:**

**23.1%** Of patients tested were racial and/or ethnic minorities

**32.8%** Of patients tested positive were racial and/or ethnic minorities

**Turnaround Time for the Test Results**

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

24 hours or less	<div style="width: 28.6%; background-color: #FF9900; height: 10px;"></div>	<b>28.6%</b>
2-3 days	<div style="width: 42.9%; background-color: #FF9900; height: 10px;"></div>	<b>42.9%</b>
4-5 days	<div style="width: 21.4%; background-color: #FF9900; height: 10px;"></div>	<b>21.4%</b>
More than 5 days	<div style="width: 7.1%; background-color: #FF9900; height: 10px;"></div>	<b>7.1%</b>



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In the Topeka Capital-Journal's story on clinics pushing back on drug program changes during the pandemic, multiple member health centers were included: **Health Ministries Clinic, Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, PrairieStar Health Center, Health Partnership Clinic** and **Salina Family Healthcare Center**. Read the story [here](#).

### **From KDHE/Governor's Office**

Latest statistics (11-30): 157,446 positive cases, 1,560 deaths, 5,105 hospitalizations and 665,438 negative results.

The next COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday. To register, click [here](#). Dial-in: (312) 626-6799; ID: 349 823 849. Webinar Password: KDHECOVID.

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

The weekly COVID-19 Health Center Survey is due by 11:59 p.m. (CST) today.

Join The Joint Commission for an overview of the expansion of telehealth during COVID-19 and discussion of its standards and survey process to evaluate the quality and safety of telehealth services. The webinar will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, December 10. To register, click [here](#).

If health centers need more time to complete approved project or program-related activities using H8C, H8D or H8E funding, a separate Extension Without Funds request must be submitted to HRSA. Requests must be made through HRSA's Electronic Handbooks prior to the project period end date. Similar guidance was given for Look-alikes using ECT funding.

A recording of the October webinar on staffing-related shortages, which was identified as a common barrier for health centers particularly during the pandemic, is now available ([here](#)).

Highlights from Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Update include:

- HRSA Administrator Thomas Engels recognized the efforts of health centers working diligently to reduce HIV/AIDS during the pandemic on this World AIDS Day. His address was followed by a roundtable discussion, Navigating the Now: Innovative HIV care delivery and treatment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funding still available for the National Hypertension Control Initiative Supplemental Funding for Health Centers, and is targeted toward 300-400 clinics nationwide whose patients have the worst outcomes in this quality improvement area.
- Information will be coming out soon and shortly for Ending the HIV Epidemic – Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP), which will provide resources in a competitive process for areas with high rates.
- HRSA is hoping to have a targeted initiative announced soon for about 80 health centers to optimize virtual care.
- Virtual operational site visit process continues to be refined with feedback from health centers. HRSA plans to have approximately 600 OSVs for Fiscal Year 2021.

- Encouragement for health centers to tell how they are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Send stories (and photos with releases) to [healthcenterstories@hrsa.gov](mailto:healthcenterstories@hrsa.gov).
- Reminder to ensure health centers fill out the weekly COVID-19 survey.
- Health centers report 86.1% weekly visits compared to pre-COVID-19 visits.
- December 6-12 is National Influenza Vaccination Week.
- Submit calendar year 2020 Uniform Data System data by January 1, 2021.
- Next Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Update will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, January 21.
- Slides of today's program can be found [here](#).

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

CDC updated its COVID-19 One-Stop Shop Toolkits, which provide print, web and social media resources for a variety of audiences. Health centers and clinics are encouraged to share these resources with local community partners. To see the toolkits, click [here](#).

Other updates released include:

- COVID-19 Science Update ([here](#)), and
- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)).

### **From Media Reports**

Kansas likely to get 23,750 COVID-19 doses as state prepare for federal action. Read more at the Topeka Capital-Journal [here](#) and the Kansas Reflector [here](#).

A Pandemic, Exhaustion and Threats: Why Dozens of Kansas Public Health Officials are Quitting. Read more at KCUR [here](#).

How COVID-19 Highlights the Uncertainty of Medical Testing. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).