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A compilation of the latest news surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Community Care Network of Kansas. Published on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit our [COVID-19 Resources](#) page for complete, updated information.



Community Care Spotlight

Today's Spotlight is on **Hunter Health Clinic**, who is partnering with the Crown Arts Collaborative in Wichita for the last two weeks of their musical production, *Rent*. At every show held at the Crown Uptown Theatre, **Hunter Health Clinic** will be there providing at-home COVID-19 test kits and contraception to musical attendees.

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From KDHE/Governor's Office/Statehouse

As of 5/13/22:

Latest statistics: 780,892 positive cases, 8,720 deaths, and 30 MIS-C cases (Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with COVID-19). There were 2,847 new cases and 29 new deaths reported since 5/6/22.

According to the [Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker](#), 4,397,394 doses have been administered in Kansas out of the 5,768,610 doses distributed. 1,971,619 people have had their first dose; 1,604,904 have had their second doses; and 820,872 have had their third dose of the vaccine series.

From HHS

In case you missed it, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and the FDA [issued a statement](#) that the shelf-life of sotrovimab continues to be evaluated. Due to the high frequency of the omicron BA.2 variant, sotrovimab is not currently authorized in any U.S. region. However, it is recommended that product be retained in the event that future SARS-CoV-2 variants, which may be susceptible to sotrovimab, emerge and become prevalent in the United States.

From WHO



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Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization's [2020-2021 Results Report](#) tracks WHO's significant achievements across the global health spectrum. The report details such accomplishments as the delivery of more than 1.4 billion vaccine doses via the [COVAX](#) facility, the recommendation for broad use of the world's first malaria vaccine and WHO's response to some 87 health emergencies, including COVID-19.

From NIH

People who reported in a survey that they felt worried, depressed or lonely had a greater chance of being hospitalized after a COVID-19 diagnosis, suggests [a study](#) funded by the National Institutes of Health. Findings suggest that psychological risk factors may increase hospitalization risk as much as physical risk factors, such as high cholesterol and hypertension.

From CMS

Over the COVID-19 public health emergency, the federal government eased rules in order to prevent people with Medicaid and CHIP from losing their health coverage during the pandemic. However, at some point soon states will be required to restart Medicaid and CHIP eligibility reviews meaning that millions of people could lose their health coverage due to procedural reasons. This first monthly call by CMS and HHS will provide background information on the Medicaid continuous enrollment requirements, efforts underway to connect people to coverage, discuss strategies to engage people with Medicaid & CHIP, and review resources currently available for partners to begin sharing information on preparing for the Medicaid and CHIP redetermination process with your audiences. [Register today.](#)

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Scientific advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the ACIP, on Thursday recommended a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. This recommendation is now currently awaiting sign off by Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the CDC. Children in this age group who received their last dose at least five months earlier will then be eligible to receive booster doses immediately.

The CDC released additional updates, including:

- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [COVID-19 Case Forecasts.](#)
- [Overall U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration.](#)
- [Staffing Resources](#)

From Media/Scientific Reports

Increasing numbers of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations are putting more of the country under guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that call for masking and other infection precautions. Read more at AP News [here.](#)

A new study published Wednesday in BMJ found that vaccination after infection was associated with a lower likelihood of long COVID-19. Read more at STAT News [here.](#)

Long COVID symptoms are often overlooked in seniors. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here.](#)