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 Vibrant Health, which continues to offer free COVID-19 testing to residents at multiple community locations throughout its service area.

Genesis Family Health will move its Ulysses medical clinic to a new location at 113 N. Main St., which will allow staff to implement an integrated model of care coordination between behavioral health, medical services, dentistry, pharmacy, and social services. The new site will open Tuesday, July 7.

Community Care will close from June 29 – July 3 in conjunction with Independence Day. Regular hours will resume Monday, July 6.
Please send either your clinic’s COVID-19 photos or your clinic’s story (with photos) about how you are meeting the growing demand for behavioral health services to plowry@communitycareks.org.

From KDHE/Governor’s Office

Latest statistics: 13,538 positive cases in 95 counties, 264 deaths, 1,128 hospitalizations, and 154,321 negative results. Kansas is monitoring 206 clusters, of which 109 remain active. At healthcare facilities, there have been 10 clusters with five still open.

KDHE encourages healthcare professionals to fill out the COVID interim progress survey before it closes Tuesday, June 30. KDHE is trying to evaluate all the responses to help it plan for improvements before the next wave hits. The survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KS-State-COVID.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Updates to the HRSA FAQ page include:

- HRSA is extending the project periods by 12 months with funds for health centers on a 2- or 3-year project period scheduled to complete a Service Area Competition (SAC) in FY 2021. Health centers in a current 1-year project period still will complete an FY 2021 SAC (notice of funding opportunity can be accessed here).
- Look-alikes with a current 3-year designation period will be extended 12 months and will complete an FY 2021 Annual Certification rather than a Renewal of Designation (RD). Look-alikes with a current 1-year designation period still will complete an FY 2021 RD (instructions to be released in early July).
- HRSA does not anticipate making adjustments based on achievement of patient targets to service area funding with the FY 2021 SAC. HRSA also is exploring ways to align the FY 2022 and future SAC Notice of Funding Opportunities more holistically with health center performance.
- HRSA continues to welcome LAL ID applications on a rolling basis. To support an application system update, the EHBs application module for LAL IDs will shut down July 21 and reopen August 14, when applications again will be accepted. For additional information, see the LAL ID technical assistance page here.

From the National Association of Community Health Centers

NACHC is seeking input from health centers on COVID-19 testing challenges (SARS-CoV-2 virus detection only) they have experienced over the past few months and/or they anticipate experiencing as communities reopen. A 5-10 minute assessment can be found here. NACHC seeks to elevate health centers’ experiences and better advocate on behalf of health centers for COVID-19 responses efforts as well as for long-term health center funding. Contact Sarah Baizer with any questions.

From the Federal Communications Commission

The FCC announced it no longer will accept new applications for funding from the $200 million COVID-19 Telehealth Program. Demand for the CARES Act funding has exceeded available program funds. Read the public notice here.
**From Media Reports**

The number of asymptomatic younger people testing positive nationwide is fueling the spread of the coronavirus. Read more at the New York Times [here](#).

CDC officials estimate that 20 million Americans have been infected with coronavirus, which is almost 10 times the current 2.3 million cases that have been confirmed. Read more from the Associated Press [here](#).

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