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 Community Care Network of Kansas Annual Convention, which will be virtual this year. Please join us September 21-24 from the comfort of your own office. Special group rates this year will allow even more of your clinic’s staff to attend. As this year’s conference name suggests, our lineup of impressive speakers will explore health, equity and justice – and how these three themes intertwine at the foundation of all we do. Registrations are due by September 9. To register, click here. To see the agenda, click here.

From KDHE/Governor’s Office

Latest statistics: 41,048 positive cases in 105 counties, 443 deaths, 2,278 hospitalizations, and 362,099 negative results. The state is monitoring 501 clusters, of which 170 remain active. The outbreaks account for 10,094 associated cases and 287 associated deaths.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

In a recently issue FAQ, BPHC stated that FQHCs are encouraged to participate in the HRSA Uninsured Claims Program, but did not say they are required to do so. The BPHC COVID FAQ page can be found here.

There were no new updates to the HRSA FAQ page.
From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC updated its guidance regarding Dental Settings (here).

From the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

NACHC either has created or updated the following documents:

- **CHC Finance Toolkit – COVID-19.** NACHC and BKD have compiled guidance in critical areas in order for community health center leaders to guide their teams through difficult times and prepare them to come out stronger on the other side. Topics include cash flow planning, CARES Act guidance, and remote work best practices. (here)

- **Guidance for Sliding Co-insurance for CMS/Medicare Care Management Services.** This publication provides guidance on managing CMS/Medicare care management services commensurate with the sliding fee discount program (SFDP) policy of the health centers. (here)

- **2019-2020 PCA/HCCN Diabetes Scan Results.** This publication highlights the results of NACHC’s Quality Center’s 2019 national environmental scan of diabetes efforts among primary care associations (PCA) and health center-controlled networks (HCCN). (here)

- **CARES Act Funding and Financial Statements: Considerations for Health Center Boards.** This short article addresses CARES Act funding and considerations for health center boards related to the impact on the center’s financial statements. (here)

In this time, underrepresented communities are hurting from the violence that comes from racism. The NACHC team is looking to highlight examples of how health centers are engaging communities to build racial equity. What does your health center do to build racial equity? If you have examples, please share with the grassroots team at grassroots@nachc.org or contact Shamaal Sheppard (ssheppard@nachc.org). This will build upon efforts to have a larger conversation on how to achieve health equity more broadly within the CHC movement.

From Media Reports

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows met to discuss the next round of coronavirus relief, but remain at an “impasse.” Read more at NBC News here.

COVID + Influenza: This is a Good Year to Get a Flu Shot, Experts Advise. Read more at Kaiser Health News here.

COVID-19 is a “crisis within a crisis” for homeless people. Read more from the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism here.