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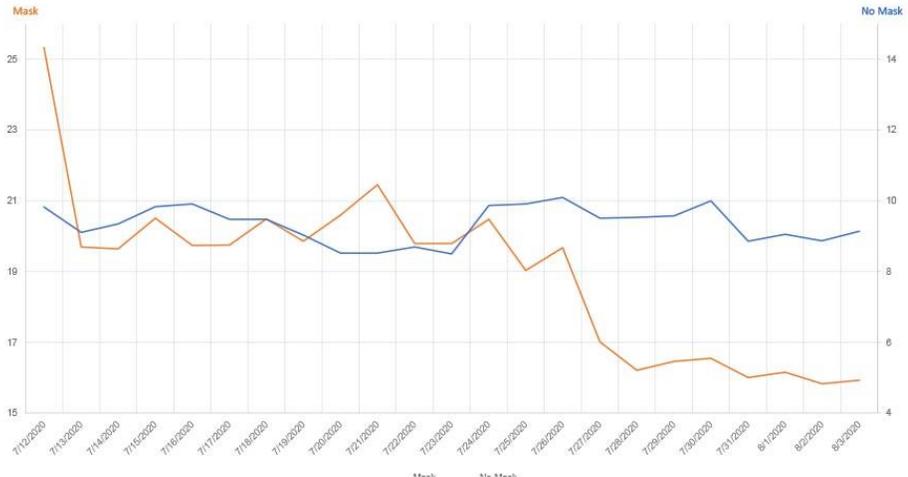
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What We Know Now

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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.

Kansas COVID-19 7-Day Rolling Average of Daily Cases/Per 100K Population
Mask Counties Vs. No-Mask Mandate Counties



Community Care Member Update

Today's Spotlight is on the importance of **Wearing Masks**. As KDHE Secretary Lee Norman described in a presentation on Wednesday, there is a statistically significant difference in the number of new cases between counties that have adopted mask mandates and those that haven't. The data shows a marked decline in the number of daily cases per 100,000 population for the counties that adopted the mask mandate.

Last week, Community Care Network of Kansas joined with Oral Health Kansas and Kansas Dental Association to send a letter to Governor Laura Kelly urging her administration to take action to authorize teledentistry during this COVID-19 pandemic. Read more [here](#).

From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics (8-5): 29,717 positive cases in 103 counties, 368 deaths, 1,821 hospitalizations, and 279,001 negative results. The state is monitoring 370 clusters, of which 145 remain active. Healthcare facilities account for 18 of the clusters (seven are active affecting Barton, Jewel, Labette, Mitchell, Republic and Wyandotte counties), 154 cases and one death.

Highlights from the weekly COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar include:

- The trend lines for new cases is going sharply down; hospitalizations going down; deaths are rising slightly.



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- State has a 9.6% percent positive rate (going up for the sixth straight week).
- Current testing rate per 1,000 is 105.97 (going up).
- There have been 22,903 tests completed for the month thus far; the monthly goal remains 60,000.
- New communications released include interim guidance for child care facilities [here](#), FAQs for child care facilities [here](#), guidance for CLIA-approved high and moderate complexity labs to begin COVID-19 and serological testing [here](#), and a new video series titled Faces of COVID-19 [here](#).
- KDHE gave notice of a hearing on proposed administrative regulations related to contact tracing, contact tracers and the use of personal information and health data that may be collected. The hearing will be at 11 a.m. (CST) Thursday, October 15, in the Curtis State Office Building. Public comments will be accepted for 60 days. For more information, see pages 1017-1019 in the August 6 edition of the Kansas Register [here](#).

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

There were no updates to the HRSA [FAQ page](#).

From the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

Highlights from today's Re-Imagining Care: FY 2020 CARES Supplemental Funding Guidance (slides located [here](#)) include:

- Nationwide, community health centers have completed more than 2.6 million tests and turnaround times for results are decreasing
- In-person health center visits are at 78% of where they were pre-pandemic
- One-third of health centers are conducting visits virtually. Moving forward, HRSA will be working with health centers to determine the appropriate balance between virtual and in-person visits.
- 95% of health centers have submitted their reports regarding how they're spending federal relief funding. The remaining 5% need to get their progress reports in today.
- NACHC has released a CHC Finance Toolkit ([here](#)), a Telehealth Implementation Quick Guide COVID-19 Resource Packet ([here](#)), and an updated Federal Funding Sources for FQHCs ([here](#)).
- This was the final webinar in the Re-Imagining Care series.

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The latest data released from CDC shows 64,920,920 total tests reported; 5,823,345 positive tests reported, and a positivity rate of 9%. Read more [here](#).

While the CDC recommends that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19, it did issue guidance if you do travel. Find it [here](#).

CDC issued Contact Tracing Resources that can be found [here](#) and Contract Tracing and Case Investigation Training Modules ([here](#)).

From the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Yesterday, the FDA issued a [Surgical Masks Umbrella Emergency Use Authorization](#) in response to insufficient supply and availability of disposable, single-use surgical masks. As explained in the EUA, surgical masks that meet specific performance requirements are authorized for use in health care settings by health care personnel as personal protective equipment to provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials to prevent exposure to respiratory droplets and large particles during surgical mask shortages resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

From Media Reports

Scientists know that vaccines engineered to protect the public from influenza, hepatitis B, tetanus and rabies can be less effective in obese adults than in the general population, leaving them more vulnerable to infection and illness. There is little reason to believe, obesity researchers say, that COVID-19 vaccines will be any different. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).