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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.



Community Care Member Update

Today's Spotlight is on the **Kansas Department of Health and Environment**, which keeps all of us informed with the latest COVID-19 statistics. Data is tracked via case characteristics, case rates, testing rates, cluster summary, death summary, hospital capacity, school gating metrics, county data, and ethnic and racial segmentation, just to name a few, and available on their website here. Healthcare and health policy professionals, elected officials, public and private sector leaders, the general public and many more access the data to better inform decisions.

The **Community Care Annual Conference** draws nearer. Is your staff signed up? There is still time to register. To see the agenda, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics (9-14): 49,899 positive cases, 534 deaths, 2,572 hospitalizations, and 408,482 negative results. There have been 558 outbreaks, with 189 considered active, accounting for a total of 11,253 cases and 312 deaths. In healthcare facilities, there are 9 active outbreaks accounting for 59 cases and 1 death.

The next COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17. To register, click [here](#). Dial-in: (312) 626-6799; Webinar ID: 349 823 849.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

HRSA's next Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, September 17. Join the day of the session [here](#). Call-in: (888) 606-5934; Passcode: 2492026.



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HRSA will host a webinar to assist recipients of a Capital Assistance for Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts (CADRE) award from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, September 23. Join the day of the session [here](#). Call-in: (888) 942-8162; Passcode 8928279.

Health centers are being asked to encourage their patients to consider volunteering for clinical trials for COVID-19 treatments for which they might be eligible. There are no proven treatments for people who are symptomatic but not sick enough to be in the hospital. If you have adult patients diagnosed with COVID-19, consider directing them [here](#) for more information.

The latest weekly health center survey on COVID-19 is due today by 11:59 p.m. (CST).

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

From the National Association of Community Health Centers

NACHC will have a media briefing at 10:30 a.m. (CST) Wednesday, September 16, to discuss the vital importance of the 340B Drug Pricing Program and the significant threats facing health centers while they fight against the pandemic. You can view the briefing live [here](#).

The next Finance Office Hours for Health Centers: Strategies for Managing COVID-19 will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, September 16. To register, click [here](#).

National Voter Registration Day is September 22. NACHC encourages health centers to make sure your own staff has checked their voter registration status. A template email can be found [here](#).

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC has updated its guidance on Schools and Child Care Programs ([here](#)).

From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS issued a new roadmap for states to accelerate the adoption of value-based care to improve quality of care for Medicaid beneficiaries. The guidance encourages states to consider the adoption of models in the context of their individual circumstances and the lessons learned from implementing previous payment and service delivery models. Read the new guidance [here](#) and view a fact sheet [here](#).

CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced the agency officially is dropping the Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation (MFAR) rule. The proposed rule would have altered the way states are able to finance their share of Medicaid, specifically targeting provider taxes and inter-governmental transfers. Read more [here](#).

From Media Reports

Research on evidence-based breathing modalities to assist in COVID-19 recovery is taking place at the University of Arizona Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine. Read the report at elemental.medium.com [here](#).