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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 **Community Care Annual Conference**, which will examine the full impact COVID-19 is having on clinics and the patients they serve. Health journalist Linda Villarosa will discuss deadly racial disparities the coronavirus is inflicting. KDHE Secretary Lee Norman and Angela Powell from HRSA will share how COVID is affecting the healthcare system. BKD's Nicole Moscatelli will facilitate billing and coding issues while Scott Gold will discuss COVID-19 funding compliance. Robert Stiles from the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center will examine telehealth practices pre- and post-pandemic. Tim Mallett from 340Basics will discuss the assault on the drug pricing program in the middle of this public health emergency. Cindy Barr from Capital Link will share lessons learned in optimizing facility resources. Smith and Prophete's Tim Davis examines employer legal compliance. Iowa's Dental Director Dr. Bob Russell sees an opportunity to improve access to dental care. There are numerous sessions that will explore other topics, but we wanted to thoroughly discuss as many COVID-19 topics as possible as that's the world we all are working in. There is still time to register. To see the full agenda, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#). We hope to see you next week.

From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics: 50,870 positive cases, 586 deaths, 2,616 hospitalizations, and 413,356 negative results. There have been 596 outbreaks, with 191 considered active, accounting for a total of 11,977 cases and 346 deaths. In healthcare facilities, there have been 29 outbreaks accounting for 183 cases and 3 deaths; 5 outbreaks remain open that account for 32 cases and 1 death. The jump in 971 cases and 52



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deaths since Monday is largely attributed to records reconciliation. Secretary Norman said the other cases and deaths are rising because of the increase in mass gatherings since Labor Day.

At today's press conference, KDHE Secretary Norman said Kansas is "clearly in the red" zone from the federal perspective. Kansas is 8th highest in the nation both in onset of new cases and in positivity rate.

KDHE's new outbreak reporting is being greeted by many as transparent, but others disapprove identifying where the clusters take place. This week the cluster information is not broken down to specific locations, but the Secretary believes those will return by next week.

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)

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

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC has updated its guidance on N95 and Other Respirators ([here](#)), Parental Resources Kit ([here](#)), Parental Resources Kit – Childhood ([here](#)) and Frequently Asked Questions ([here](#)).

From Media Reports

Participation in clinical trials among Black people is low, according to Food and Drug Administration statistics. Still, including them in coronavirus vaccine trials has been a stated priority for the pharmaceutical companies involved, since African American communities, along with those of Latinos, have suffered disproportionately from the pandemic. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).