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 Konza Prairie Community Health Center, which continues to provide high-quality, comprehensive and affordable care for all – just with more Personal Protective Equipment than in the pre-COVID-19 era.

The registration is ongoing for the Community Care Annual Conference on September 21-24. The deadline to register is September 9. The conference will be virtual, but with special group pricing your clinic has the opportunity to have more staff attend than in the past. The theme is “Health. Equity. Justice. The Foundation of Community Clinics.” The lineup of speakers and training is perhaps the strongest we’ve ever assembled, with opportunities for professional development and personal growth. We can’t wait to share this experience with all of you. To see the agenda, click here. To register, click here.

From KDHE/Governor’s Office

Latest statistics: 45,220 positive cases in 105 counties, 481 deaths, 2,415 hospitalizations, and 381,985 negative results. The state is monitoring 542 clusters, of which 182 remain active. The outbreaks account for 11,757 associated cases and 308 associated deaths.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

A reminder that the public comment period regarding the Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine ends at 10:59 p.m. (CST) today. HRSA is calling on health centers to submit comments to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, which can be done here. The National Association of
Community Health Centers (NACHC) has developed a template comment letter that clinics are welcome to use (here).

HRSA has updated the weekly COVID-19 Data Collection Survey with a minor change to the PPE supply question. The new survey can be seen here. They also have adjusted the weekly deadline to 11:59 p.m. local time. Also, because of the Labor Day holiday, the deadline for returning the current survey is 11:59 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, September 9.

From the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

NACHC has published a blog post titled Intimate Partner Violence and Human Trafficking: How Health Centers Can Respond During COVID-19, in response health centers seeing rises in situations of domestic violence due to widespread shelter-in-place orders and increased isolation. The post can be found here.

NACHC and partners at BKD have joined forces again to provide timely information and resources with Finance Office Hours for Health Centers: Strategies for Managing COVID-19. Registration is free, with sessions set for September 16, November 18 and December 16. For more information and/or to register, click here.

From Media Reports

Top advisor to Operation Warp Speed calls an October vaccine “extremely unlikely.” Read more at NPR here.

Tyson Foods is planning to open medical clinics at several of its U.S. plants to improve the health of its workers and better protect them from coronavirus. One of the seven pilot clinics will be in Holcomb. Read more at The Associated Press here.

Will Labor Day weekend bring another holiday COVID surge? Read more at Kaiser Health News here.

The Community Care office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday.

What We Know Now will resume publication on Tuesday.