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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 **Community Health Center in Cowley County**, which was honored by the Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce for its work to “find new ways to provide care to the community during the pandemic,” and for distributing thousands of masks to the public. CEO David Brazil is shown with the Community Champion award.



From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics: 70,855 positive cases, 859 deaths, 3,370 hospitalizations, and 518,334 negative results.

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Based on feedback from health centers, HRSA has changed its weekly COVID-19 survey to clarify how to answer the question about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies. A preview of the updated survey can be seen [here](#), and the Survey Tool User Guide that further explains the data HRSA is collecting can be seen [here](#).

Staffing-related shortages are a common barrier identified by health centers – especially in light of the pandemic. A webinar to discuss recruitment and retention promising practices and to provide resources will be from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (CST) Tuesday, October 27. To join the webinar the day of the session, click [here](#). Call-in: (888) 323-9689; Passcode: 7945934.



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From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC issued an early release of its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). Titled Race, Ethnicity, and Age Trends in Persons Who Died From COVID-19 – United States, May – August 2020, the report noted the predominant regions affected has shifted from the Northeast to the South and West. The majority of COVID-19–associated deaths occurred among White persons (51.3%), but Black and Hispanic persons were disproportionately represented. Read more [here](#).

CDC encourages employers to collaborate with health departments when investigating workplace exposures to infectious diseases, including COVID-19. The updated Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Non-healthcare Workplaces: Information for Employers can be found [here](#).

Other updates include:

- How to Report COVID-19 Laboratory Data ([here](#)),
- Schools and Childcare Programs ([here](#)),
- Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning ([here](#)), and
- Communication Resources for Travelers ([here](#)).

From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS survey data illustrates impact of COVID-19 on Medicare beneficiaries' daily life and experiences. Read more at CMS.gov [here](#).

From the National Association of Community Health Centers

A bipartisan “Dear Colleague” letter in the House encouraging HHS to revert the reporting guidelines for the Provider Relief Fund back to the standards set in June 2020. This measure would ease the burden of providers wishing to access the fund in this time of uncertainty and financial instability. The letter is available [here](#). NACHC encourages health centers to contact their members of Congress and request that they sign on in support by COB on Thursday, October 22.

From Our Partners

Join the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas for a special online event “The Power of Advocacy” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 29. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with other advocates from Central Kansas, share health care stories and learn how grassroots advocacy lays the groundwork for positive change. To register, click [here](#).

From Media Reports

COVID spike arrives late, hits hard in rural Kansas county. Read more from the Associated Press [here](#).