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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 **Hunter Health and GraceMed Health Clinic**, who were featured in a KSN News story on the record-setting month for residents requesting a COVID-19 test in Sedgwick County. The story can be accessed [here](#).

#### From KDHE/Governor's Office

Latest statistics: 85,181 positive cases, 1,029 deaths, 3,832 hospitalizations, and 557,601 negative results.

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management has developed a Business PPE Stopgap Program for businesses experiencing delivery delays of personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE such as masks, face shields, gowns and coveralls can be shipped from state inventory at no cost to eligible businesses. To apply, click [here](#).

#### From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

The deadline to apply for additional Provider Relief Funding to assist frontline workers addressing COVID-19 is Friday, November 6. To apply for relief payments made for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19, click [here](#).

#### From the National Association of Community Health Centers

NACHC reminds the upcoming election has many races and issues on the ballot that will affect health centers and their patients. Don't forget to vote by Tuesday, November 3. #VoteForCommunityHealth.



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Oral Health Value-Based Care: An Introduction and Call to Action for CHCs will be from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, November 12. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

The next NACHC COVID-19 Learning Series webinar will be from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, November 18. To register for Session 2: Securing Your Path Forward, click [here](#).

### **From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

CMS released an interim final rule establishing vaccine-related coverage provisions for Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and private insurance. The rule has not been published in the Federal Register, but will have a 30-day comment period starting the day it is published. To view the interim final rule, click [here](#).

### **From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

HHS' Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC) released an interim final rule delaying the deadline until April 2021 for health care providers and HIT vendors to comply with the new regulations limiting "information blocking" practices. This marks the second time the deadline has been delayed in response to the pandemic. To view the interim final rule, click [here](#).

### **From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

An early release Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) from CDC, Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Households, confirms such transmissions are frequent from either children or adults ([here](#)).

Other CDC updates include:

- Public Health Interpretation and Use of Wastewater Surveillance Data ([here](#)),
- Wastewater Surveillance Testing Methods ([here](#)), and
- Week in Review ([here](#)).

### **From Media Reports**

The United States records its worst week yet for virus cases. Total cases now have surpassed 9 million and almost 230,000 have died. Read more at The New York Times [here](#).

The Opioid Epidemic Within the COVID-19 Pandemic: Drug Testing in 2020. A new study shows positivity for illicit drugs increasing during the pandemic. Read more at Population Health Management [here](#).