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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 **Heart of Kansas Family Health Care**, which received its first shipment of vaccines at the end of December and began inoculating healthcare personnel (paid and unpaid) who are likely to be exposed to or treat people with COVID-19 or infectious materials and are unable to work from home.

From KDHE/Governor's Office/Statehouse

Latest statistics (1-11): 247,502 positive cases, 3,255 deaths, 7,351 hospitalizations and 819,014 negative results.



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According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker ([here](#)), 84,555 doses have been administered in Kansas.

The next COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, January 14. Dial-in: (312) 626-6799; Webinar ID: 349 823 849. Password: KDHECOVID.

Legislative committee hearings at the Statehouse scheduled for Wednesday include:

- House Appropriations, 9 a.m., 112-N, (joint meeting with Senate Ways and Means), Governor’s budget report.
- Senate Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., 346-S, (continued from today) Extending certain provisions of governmental response to the pandemic and providing certain relief to health, welfare, property and economic security during the PHE.
- House Health and Human Services, 1:30, 112-N, COVID-19 testing and quarantine process.
- House Judiciary, 3:30, 582-N, Extending certain provisions of governmental response to the pandemic and providing certain relief to health, welfare, property and economic security during the PHE.
- Listen live to hearings [here](#). Most committee meetings are archived on YouTube [here](#).

From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

HRSA is committing \$1 million for innovative solutions to the nationwide problem of fewer kids receiving timely vaccines and primary care visits because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about HRSA’s P4Challenge, there will be a webinar at 11:00 a.m. (CST) Friday, January 15. To register, click [here](#).

The second progress report for FY 2020 Look-Alike Expanding Capacity for Coronavirus Testing recipients is due by 10:59 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, January 13. For more information, watch the TA webinar [here](#).

The third COVID-19 progress report for HRSA-funded health centers also is due by 10:59 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, January 13. For more information, watch the TA webinar [here](#).

The following addition was made to HRSA’s COVID-19 FAQ page ([here](#)). Health centers should record vaccination sites on Form 5B as a service site if all of these conditions are met:

- Health center encounters are generated by documenting in the patients’ face-to-face contacts between patients and providers,
- Providers exercise independent judgment in the provision of services to the patient,
- Services are provided directly by or on behalf of the grantee, whose governing board retains control and authority over the provision of the services at the location, and
- Services are provided on a regularly scheduled basis. However, there is no minimum number of hours per week that services must be available at an individual site.

If health centers provide vaccinations at a location that is not an approved service site, such activity should be documented on Form 5C: Other Activities/Locations.

From the National Association of Community Health Centers

NACHC has added bonus sessions to its Ask Me Anything series on Microplanning for Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines. The sessions will be on Fridays, January 15, 22 and 29, starting at 11:00 a.m. (CST). This week's session will feature Claire Hannan, CEO of the Association of Immunization Managers. To register, click [here](#).

NACHC, in collaboration with Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell (FTLF), will hold three virtual FTCA Office Hours to answer health center clinical leaders' questions about COVID-19-related activities, navigating telehealth, coverage for virtual services, COVID-19 vaccine delivery, deeming of volunteer health professionals, preparing for virtual site visits, and risk management. Dates are January 21, March 4 and April 22, with all sessions beginning at 1:00 p.m. (CST). For more information or to register, click [here](#).

From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Because of the public health emergency, CMS has extended the deadline for COVID-19 related 2020 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Exception applications to February 1. CMS will allow MIPS-eligible providers to request a reweighting of one or more performance categories to 0%. For more information on how to submit an application, watch the video [here](#) or read the guide [here](#).

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC released several updates today, including:

- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)), and
- How to Wear Masks ([here](#)).

From Media Reports

Trump administration makes sweeping changes to speed up pace of COVID-19 vaccinations. Read more at The Hill [here](#).

Kansas has topped the quarter-million mark (250,421) in COVID-19 cases. The seven-day new case average has increased 44% from two weeks ago while deaths (3,255) are up 258%. Read more at The New York Times [here](#).