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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

**Genesis Family Health**, which joined other community partners in Liberal for a successful Stop COVID Drive and distributed more than 1,000 food boxes and COVID Safety Kits to families in need due to the pandemic.

#### From KDHE/Governor's Office/Statehouse

Latest statistics: 263,412 positive cases, 3,575 deaths, 7,930 hospitalizations and 862,293 negative results. Since Monday, there were 3,590 new cases, 50 deaths and 123 hospitalizations reported.

According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker ([here](#)), 129,349 doses have been administered in Kansas out of the 202,225 doses distributed. 111,905 people (3.8% of the population) have been vaccinated, with 111,632 receiving a first dose and 17,712 receiving a second dose.

Listen live to Kansas Legislature committee hearings [here](#). Most committee meetings are archived on YouTube [here](#).

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

Updates released by the CDC include:

- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)),



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- Vaccine Communication Toolkit for Community-Based Organizations: Getting Started ([here](#)), and
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths ([here](#)).

### **From the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

FDA created a new collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to accelerate the adoption of advanced and smart manufacturing technologies to help strengthen the nation’s public health infrastructure. Read the memorandum of understanding [here](#).

The FDA updated its Investigational COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma guidance regarding when individuals who receive a COVID-19 vaccine can qualify as a donor. Read the guidance [here](#).

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

According to NACHC’s Noddlepod: HHS recently postponed the first deadline (February 15) for providers to report how they used their Provider Relief Fund (PRF) funding. No new deadline has been set.

Highlights of the recently updated PRF reporting requirements ([here](#)) include:

- PRF funds must be spent to cover unreimbursed COVID-related expenses before they can be allocated to lost revenues.
- The definition of “COVID-related expenses” continues to be broad, and can include mortgage payments, HIT systems, utilities, etc.
- Definition of “lost revenues” for CY 2020 can be the difference between CY2019 and CY2020 actual patient care revenue, the difference between 2020 budgeted and 2020 actual patient care revenue, or using “any reasonable method of estimating revenue.” For CY 2021, January - June 2021 actual revenue must be compared to 2019 actual revenue or 2020 budgeted revenue for the same 6-month period.
- If a provider earned interest in PRF payments, they must provide information on that interest and how it was used.

### **From Media Reports**

Biden Takes the Reins, Calls for a United Front Against COVID and Other Threats. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).

The 9 biggest challenges Biden will face on COVID-19 from today on. Read more at STAT [here](#).

“You Can’t Treat if You Can’t Empathize”: Black Doctors Tackle Vaccine Hesitancy. Read the report at NPR [here](#).