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### What We Know Now

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*A compilation of the latest news surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Community Care Network of Kansas. Published on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 is offering a first at their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Health Fair – COVID-19 vaccines!

5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**Back to School**  
HEALTH FAIR

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME  
JULY 30, 2021 • 9 AM - 1 PM  
KONZA PRAIRIE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER  
361 GRANT AVE • JUNCTION CITY

- COVID-19 VACCINE FOR AGES 12+
- SPORTS PHYSICALS  
\$ 20 OR 5 CANNED GOODS
- CHILDHOOD VACCINES
- DENTAL HEALTH SCREENING
- COMMUNITY BOOTHS, FOOD, & PRIZES

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**KONZA**  
PRAIRIE  
Community Health  
Center

In addition to the more traditional vaccines, sports physicals, dental health screenings and other services all students need to get prepared for the new school year, Konza Prairie will administer COVID-19 vaccines for all children 12 and older. Insurance is not required, of course, and there is no out-of-pocket cost for the vaccines.

Many other community organizations are partners in this annual event, providing important information on health, wellness and community activities. Local officials even will be taking turns in a dunk tank.

This is a great way to find a lot of arms at one time!

For more information about Konza Prairie's Back to School Health Fair, click [here](#) for English and [here](#) for Spanish. There also was a writeup in JCPPost.com [here](#).

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

Latest statistics: 325,728 positive cases, 5,218 deaths, 11,445 hospitalizations and 17 MIS-C cases (Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with COVID-19). Since Monday, there have been 1,541 new cases, 20 deaths and 81 hospitalizations reported.



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According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker ([here](#)), 2,404,799 doses have been administered in Kansas out of the 2,948,530 doses distributed. 1,322,865 people (45.4% of the population) have had their first dose and 1,082,024 (40.0%) have completed the vaccine series.

KDHE issued a health advisory to notify clinicians and caregivers about increased interseasonal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity in Kansas. KDHE encourages broader testing for RSV among patients presenting with acute respiratory illness who test negative for SARS-CoV-2. Read the alert [here](#).

The next COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, July 22. Dial-in: (312) 626-6799; ID: 349 823 849; Password: KDHECOVID.

### **From the White House COVID-19 Team**

The latest state profile report from Washington shows Kansas:

- In the orange zone for new case rate with 77 per 100,000 population, ranked 41<sup>st</sup> in the nation;
- In the orange zone for test positivity with 9.2%, ranked 44<sup>th</sup>;
- In the light green zone for hospitalizations with 2.6 confirmed and suspected admissions per 100 beds, ranked 32<sup>nd</sup>;
- In the yellow zone for rate of COVID-19 deaths with 0.9 per 100,000 populating, ranked 41<sup>st</sup>;
- 1,461,623 people received at least one vaccine dose (50.2% of total population);
- 1,249,272 people fully vaccinated (42.9% of total population, 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation); and
- With a “substantial” community transmission level.

### **From HRSA/Bureau of Primary Health Care**

Learn how health centers are galvanizing on-the-ground partnerships with community-based youth organizations to enhance adolescent COVID-19 vaccination efforts nationwide. To register for the webinar, which is from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, July 28, click [here](#).

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

HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra has renewed (effective July 20, 2021) the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that has existed nationwide since January 27, 2020. To read the official renewal notice, click [here](#).

HHS’ Office of Minority Health will present Trauma and COVID-19: Addressing Mental Health Among Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, July 29. To register, click [here](#).

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

At the SBIA REI Annual Conference, FDA leaders reflected on the use of Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) and other resources in making drug, device and biological products available to support the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. View the recordings and read about other actions in the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update [here](#).

## From the National Institutes of Health

More than 1.5 million children lost a primary or secondary caregiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing the impact of caregiver deaths critical for pediatric mental health, authors note. Read the news release [here](#).

## From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC released several updates, including:

- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)),
- Overall U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration ([here](#)),
- Considerations for the Case Investigation and Contact Tracing Workforce: Enhancing Access to COVID-19 Vaccination Services ([here](#)),
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths ([here](#)),
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Cases ([here](#)), and
- Previous COVID-19 Forecasts: Hospitalizations ([here](#)).

## From Media Reports

County health officers regained powers as Delta variant cases spike in Kansas. Will they use it? Read more at The Topeka Capital-Journal [here](#).

CDC director: Delta variant accounts for 83 percent of all COVID-19 cases in U.S. Read more at The Hill [here](#).

U.S. life expectancy fell by 1.5 years (78.8 to 77.3) in 2020, the biggest drop since WWII. Hispanic and Black communities saw the biggest declines (3 years and 2.9 years, respectively). Read more at NPR [here](#).

More hospitals are requiring workers to get COVID vaccines. Read more at The New York Times [here](#).

States are sitting on millions of surplus COVID-19 vaccine doses as expiration dates approach. Read more at STAT News [here](#).