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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.

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Community Care Member Update

Today's Spotlight is on **Swope Health**, which highlighted a valuable partner during this Healthcare Environmental Services Week.

The health center noted Burtin & Associates “do a wonderful job keeping our facilities and equipment clean, safe and healthy for visitors and staff, especially on the front lines of COVID-19. Let’s give these Healthcare Heroes some well-deserved recognition and thanks this week!”

It’s a great idea – and a reminder of how many staff and partnerships are needed to provide the high-quality care patients deserve.

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There is still time to register for the Community Care 2021 Virtual Annual Conference, which will be Monday, September 20, through Thursday, September 23. To register, please click [here](#).

From KDHE/Governor’s Office/Statehouse

Latest statistics: 390,031 positive cases, 5,773 deaths, 13,195 hospitalizations and 18 MIS-C cases (Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with COVID-19). Since Friday, there have been 3,149 new cases, 7 deaths and 32 hospitalizations reported.



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According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker ([here](#)), 2,826,547 doses have been administered in Kansas out of the 3,433,210 doses distributed. 1,554,692 people (50.6% of the population) have had their first dose; 1,257,299 (45.0%) have had their second doses; and 14,557 have had their third dose of the vaccine series.

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

SAMHSA awards \$123 million in grants for multifront approach to combat the nation's overdose epidemic. According to the CDC, there were more than 94,000 fatal overdoses for the 12 months ending January 2021, a 31% increase from the year prior. COVID-19 is only adding to the urgency of the mission. To read the full news release, click [here](#).

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC issued several updates, including:

- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)),
- Overall Vaccine Distribution and Administration ([here](#)), and
- Frequently Asked Questions ([here](#)).

From Johns Hopkins University of Medicine

The Pandemic Data Initiative will have its second Expert Forum, Back to School, in which the discussion will focus on the importance of data for leadership and policy in schools. The forum will be from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, September 17. To register, click [here](#).

From Media Reports

Homeless advocate: COVID-19 relief insufficient, eviction surge puts families in peril. Read more at the Kansas Reflector [here](#).

Companies have questions for President Biden about vaccine mandates. Read more at The New York Times [here](#).