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### What We Know Now

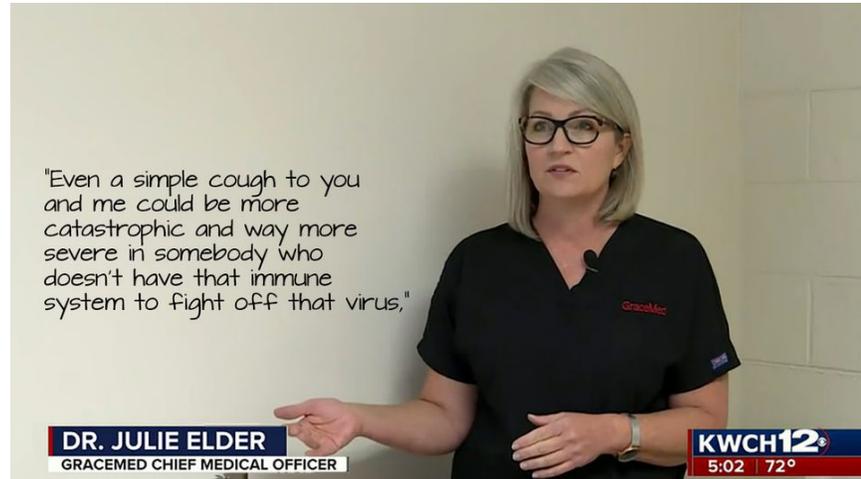
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*A compilation of the latest news surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic from the Community Care Network of Kansas.*

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### Community Care Member Update

**Today's Spotlight** is on **GraceMed Health Clinic**, whose Chief Medical Officer Dr. Julie Elder was interviewed for a recent KWCH report following the COVID-related death of former Secretary of State and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell. The report asserted Powell's death points out "the continued seriousness of COVID-19. It's also leading to questions about breakthrough infections with people who are fully vaccinated."

When asked about Powell, who had undergone treatment for a type of blood cancer and was immunocompromised, Dr. Elder said: "Even a simple cough to you and me could be more catastrophic and way more severe in somebody who doesn't have that immune system to fight off that virus."

We are pleased KWCH sought out a subject matter expert from a community health center such as GraceMed. Our entire network is replete with Dr. Elder's caliber of expertise. Way to represent, Dr. Elder.

View the complete report [here](#).

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

Latest statistics: 426,923 positive cases, 6,185 deaths, 14,521 hospitalizations and 19 MIS-C cases (Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with COVID-19). Since Monday, there have been 2,121 new cases, 15 deaths and 77 hospitalizations reported.



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According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker ([here](#)), 3,061,152 doses have been administered in Kansas out of the 3,787,660 doses distributed. 1,627,916 people (52.7% of the population) have had their first dose; 1,337,218 (50.4%) have had their second doses; and 96,019 have had their third dose of the vaccine series.

A new KDHE video features Secretary Lee Norman addressing this frequently asked question: “If I’ve already had COVID-19, why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?” View the video [here](#).

The next COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will be from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (CST) Thursday, October 21. 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:

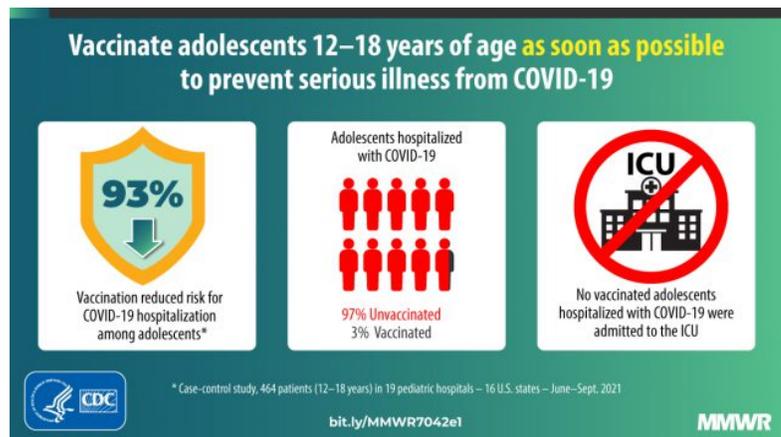
- In the light red zone for new case rate with 169 per 100,000 population, ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation;
- In the orange zone for test positivity with 8.5%, ranked 28<sup>th</sup>;
- In the orange zone for hospitalizations with 5.8 confirmed and suspected admissions per 100 beds, ranked 21<sup>st</sup>;
- In the orange zone for rate of COVID-19 deaths with 1.5 per 100,000 population, ranked 14<sup>th</sup>;
- 1,779,514 people received at least one vaccine dose (61.1% of total population);
- 1,521,965 people fully vaccinated (52.2% of total population, 32<sup>nd</sup> in the nation); and
- With a “high” community transmission level.

### From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

An early-release MMWR, Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA Vaccination Against COVID-19 Hospitalization Among Persons Aged 12-18 Years – United States, demonstrates that 2 doses were highly effective in preventing hospitalizations and reinforce the importance of vaccination to protect U.S. youths against severe COVID-19. Read the MMWR [here](#).

CDC issued several updates, including:

- Cases in the U.S. ([here](#)),
- Overall U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration ([here](#)),
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths ([here](#)),
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Cases ([here](#)),
- Health Equity in Action ([here](#)),



- Quarantine and Isolation ([here](#)),
- Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools ([here](#)),
- Contact Tracing ([here](#)), and
- Interim Guidance for Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in K-12 Schools ([here](#)).

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

HRSA has released a new video, “Find a Health Center,” to increase awareness about health centers and help potential patients locate one near them. The video can be viewed [here](#).

Responses to HRSA regarding “Your Health Center’s Plans for Pediatric Vaccinations” are due by 11:59 p.m. (CT) Friday, October 22. The information request was sent to the Project Director identified in the health center’s EHB.

Time is running out for health centers to apply for Phase 4 Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan Rural Distribution funding. Application deadline for both is October 26. HRSA will have a webinar to review how to submit supporting documentation at 2:00 p.m. (CT) Thursday, October 21. To register, click [here](#).

The National Center for Equitable Care for Elders (NCECE) and the National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH), both HRSA-funded NTTAPs, will present Lessons Learned: COVID-19 Health Literacy in Special and Vulnerable Populations from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (CT) Wednesday, November 10. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

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

FDA updated the Alinity m SARS-CoV-2 AMP Kit and Alinity m Resp-4-Plex AMP Kits recall classification notice to clarify that the potential for false positive results is due to the software associated with the kits. The associated recall is to correct the software, after which the kits can continue to be used. Read the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update [here](#).

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

NACHC will present a CMS Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination webinar, which will discuss compliance requirements and the impact on federally qualified health centers. The webinar will be from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CT) Monday, November 1. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

### **From the National Institutes of Health**

Interferon does not improve outcomes for hospitalized adults with COVID-19. Read the news release about the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial 3 (ACTT-3) [here](#).

### **From Media Reports**

The FDA authorizes Moderna and J&J boosters and allows a mix-and-match strategy. Read more at The New York Times [here](#).

Kids ages 5 to 11 next in line for COVID-19 vaccines as White House rolls out plans. Read more at the Kansas Reflector [here](#).

CDC data finds Pfizer vaccine 93 percent effective against hospitalization for youth. Read more at The Hill [here](#).

Scientists search for cause of mysterious COVID-related inflammation in children. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).

Sex of the fetus influences the mother's response to COVID-19 infection, new research shows. Read more at STAT News [here](#).

