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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit our COVID-19 Resources page for complete, updated information.

Community Care Spotlight

Today’s Spotlight is on Salina Family Healthcare Center, and their continued work to protect the Salina and surrounding area from the effects of COVID-19 through testing, PPE, and vaccination services. They have made the free at-home COVID tests and masks they received available for community members outside their front lobby, allowing for easy accessibility to prevention measures.

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From KDHE/Governor’s Office/Statehouse

As of 8/17/22:

Latest statistics: 853,538 positive cases, 8,947 deaths, and 49 MIS-C cases (Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with COVID-19). There were 5,399 new cases and 12 new deaths reported since 8/10/22.

According to the Kansas WebIZ vaccination tracker, 4,622,061 doses have been administered in Kansas. 2,011,936 people have had their first dose; 1,642,794 have had their second doses; and 967,332 have had their third dose of the vaccine series.

For the week of 8/6/22-8/12/22, 91 of the 105 Kansas counties were considered to be areas of high transmission, with at least 100 cases per 100,000 residents. Eight have substantial rates of transmission (50-99 cases per 100,000), while three had moderate transition rates (10-49 cases per 100,000). Three counties had low transmission rates, with fewer than 10 cases per 100,000.

From HRSA

Health centers may now pre-order either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna boosters in the Health Partner Order Portal (HPoP). Wave 1 CLOSED yesterday, Wednesday 8/17/22. Wave 2 will close at 11:59 p.m. CT on Wednesday, August 24. Orders are limited to ONE manufacturer—only Pfizer-BioNTech OR
Moderna. Health centers that did not order yesterday during Wave 1 will have their orders prioritized in Wave 2. HRSA has a limited supply available. Contact your state/jurisdiction to secure additional supply as needed. Doses pre-ordered will begin being processed for delivery if FDA authorizes the product. HRSA will share information when available. Use the BPHC Contact Form for questions.

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From HHS

Join HRSA at their latest “Telehealth and Broadband Funding and Resources” webinar on August 30th from 2-3:15 PM ET. The series’ goal is to highlight successful projects/best practices as well as resources to promote and further the use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services.

From NACHC

NACHC and Community Health Ventures are looking for health centers, PCAs, and HCCNs to share the innovative ways they care for their communities, staff, and clients! Have a new practice at your health center that makes you feel excited and energized? An approach or system that helps increase access to affordable, quality health care through a value-driven, replicable model? Apply to NACHC’s Clinical Intervention Showcase by September 20, 2022!

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Health centers are encouraged to review the CDC Fall Vaccination Operational Planning Guide – Information for the Fall Vaccine Campaign, Including Upcoming Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses, which includes more detailed information about the bivalent COVID-19 booster products coming available. If this guide is updated, CDC will post it on its COVID-19 Vaccination Program Operational Guidance webpage.

As children return to the classroom, the CDC encourages providers to reference their Resources to Encourage Routine Childhood Vaccinations website, which includes Childhood Immunization Videos for Parents.

The CDC released a new brief titled “Indicators for Monitoring COVID-19 Community Levels and Making Public Health Recommendations” included updates to most recent recommendations and prevention strategies.
Additional updates included:

- Cases in the US
- COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths
- Reporting COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States

**From Media/Scientific Reports**

The CDC announced sweeping reorganization, with the goal of changing the agency's culture and strengthening public trust. Read more at CNN Health [here](#).

Many public health agencies are adapting lessons learned during the pandemic to curb overdoses, STDs, and gun violence in their communities. Read more at Kaiser Health News [here](#).

A new study published in Lancet Psychiatry found that up to two years after Covid-19 infection, the risk of developing psychosis, dementia, “brain fog,” and seizures is still higher than after other respiratory infections.