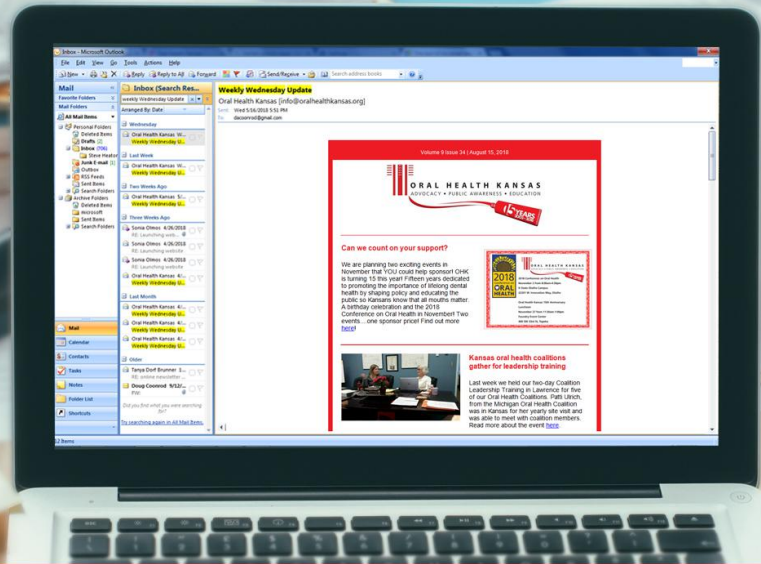




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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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## Legislative Oral Health Briefing Tomorrow!

We invite you to join us tomorrow morning at 8:30AM for a briefing on *Oral Health in Kansas* before the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee. Oral Health Kansas will join other state stakeholders in presenting new Kansas-specific oral health data as well as updates on current oral health programs. Use either of the below

links to listen to the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee hearing at 8:30AM tomorrow. If you're unable to listen live, the committee hearings are also archived on these same sites. The oral health briefing will be second on the agenda for the hearing.

- Kansas Legislative Website: <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00287/Harmony/en/View/Calendar/>
- Kansas Legislature YouTube Page: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_0NO-Pb96CFABvxDwXAq8A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_0NO-Pb96CFABvxDwXAq8A)



## We Are Moving!

Oral Health Kansas is moving and luckily we are not moving very far! As of February 1, we will have a new suite number. Our new address is 712 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 414AB. Staff is still working remotely and you can reach us at 785-235-6039 or [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).



## Federal Oral Health Advocacy Opportunity

The Oral Health Progress and Health Equity Network (OPEN) is hosting a virtual Policy Summit on February 9-11 and we invite you to join Oral Health Kansas in participating! This is a free conference to learn more about state and federal oral health policy efforts as well as have the opportunity to attend virtual hill visits with your Kansas Congress members!

The three legislative priorities for the hill visits include:

- Preserve and extend oral health coverage for families who rely on Medicaid
- Appropriate CDC oral health funding to ensure every state can invest in oral health infrastructure
- Integrate oral health coverage into the Medicare program

Hill visits will be set up for you and more information on the legislative priorities will be shared at a later time. All you have to do is register [here!](#)



## Preventive Dental Visits Are Important!

It's important to see your dentist every six months even if you are not experiencing oral health problems. Preventive dental care keeps your teeth healthy and strong and helps determine if there are any developing dental problems. There are some great new infographics from the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center about the specific benefits and barriers to preventive dental care for pregnant women and kids age 1-17. One infographic notes that black and Hispanic children face more barriers to dental care than white children. A [November 2020 report from the Kansas Health Institute](#) found this holds true in Kansas as well. Hispanic kids in Kansas are twice as likely to lack dental insurance as other kids in Kansas. Check out these infographics and share them with your network.

- [Preventive dental visits for children and adolescents in English](#)
- [Preventive dental visits for children and adolescents in Spanish](#)
- [Preventive dental visits for pregnant women in English](#)
- [Preventive dental visits for pregnant women in Spanish](#)
- [Additional resources about oral health for pregnant women and children from Oral Health Kansas](#)



This month Topeka School Superintendent Dr. Tiffany Anderson was honored with the Martin Luther King, jr. Living Legacy Award from MidAmerican Nazarene University. Her passion

for learning and servant leadership were celebrated with this award. The Topeka school district has been a participant in Oral Health Kansas' Brush Book Bed program, and we are grateful for Dr. Anderson's leadership.



Picture courtesy of WIBW



## Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

**Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.**



During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.

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