

## 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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## Registration Deadline Coming Up

The deadline to register for the 2020 virtual Conference on Oral Health is **Friday, October 23 by 5pm**. Register soon and to be included in the first 100 registrants to receive a mailing with conference swag surprises!

The days for the online sessions are the mornings of Friday, October 30 and Friday, November 6. This year's conference will feature state and national speakers discussing



vulnerabilities in dental care access and opportunities for improvement.

Large groups will also be able to participate in the conference at a reduced group rate. Due to interest from organizations and dental clinics to register several staff members for the conference, we developed a group rates to allow more of your team to learn about the latest successes and opportunities for improvement in the oral health of Kansas. The rates are designed for

different sizes of offices or for dental hygiene classes. Team rates do not need to be only dental, any clinic or office is welcome!

**When:** Friday, October 30, 9:00am-12:00pm **AND** Friday, November 6, 8:00am-12:00pm

**ONE** individual registration fee will give you access to **BOTH** virtual session days!

### **Individual Registration Fees**

Single: \$60

Student: \$15

### **Group rates**

#### **Dental Team Rates**

Names and contact information for each attendee will be required. Contact Sonia at [solmos@oralhealthkansas](mailto:solmos@oralhealthkansas) to sign up your team or call 785-235-6039.

- 2 to 5 - \$45 per person
- 6 to 10 - \$40 per person
- 11 or more - \$35 per person

#### **Classroom Rate**

Dental and dental hygiene classes of 12 or more people can benefit from the Classroom rate and get a set of classroom discussion questions to guide conversations based on the subjects covered during the conference.

\$500 + a set of classroom discussion questions

Register for the conference [here](#)!

## **This weekend: A Toast to Fluoride**

This Sunday the American Public Health Association (APHA) will be toasting the 75 year history of community water fluoridation in the United States. You can join the water toast at



6 pm on October 25. Featured speakers include Assistant Surgeon General Rear Admiral Timothy Ricks, APHA Executive Director Dr. Georges Benjamin, and national fluoridation advocate and past ADHA president Dr. Myron Allukian, Jr.

This free event is a partnership between the American Public Health Association's Oral Health Section and the American Dental Association. You can register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_r12UUJ16ShKdAXW6Pp7Ilg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_r12UUJ16ShKdAXW6Pp7Ilg).

Whether you can attend or not, be sure to tweet about community water fluoridation and the importance of equitable public health by using the hashtag: #Fluoride4Health75.



## Your Mask During COVID19

Wearing a mask is one of the most important things we all can do to prevent the spread of COVID19. It is best to have more than one mask so you always have fresh ones to use. It's also important to wash your cloth mask after each use. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [recommends a few ways](#) to wash and dry your masks.

When handling your masks, be sure your hands are clean. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. When washing your hands, be sure to wash for at least 20 seconds, scrubbing and cleaning all parts of the hands, including fingernails. [Here](#) are some other ways to help you stay safe during the pandemic.

## General Election Is Right Around The Corner

The General Election is on Tuesday, November 3. Here are some guidelines to help you prepare:

### SET

**Ballot** - The 2020 general election in Kansas includes races for the President, a U.S. Senate



seat, all 4 U.S. House of Representatives seats, all 40 Kansas Senate seats, and all 125 Kansas House of Representatives seats. The ballot may also include local elections. Check with your local election commission to see if you can get a sample ballot.

### **VOTE**

Voting options - There are several ways you can cast your ballot.

**Absentee Voting** - In Kansas, you can request an absentee, or mail-in, ballot. The deadline for requesting a ballot is October 27. We strongly recommend

requesting and submitting your mail-in ballot as soon as possible to ensure your vote is counted!

Request an absentee ballot here: <https://www.sos.ks.gov/forms//elections/AV1.pdf>

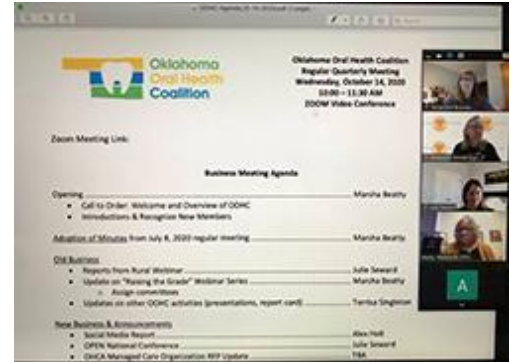
All ballots MUST be postmarked on or before election day and received in the county election office by the close of business on the Friday following the election. When filling out the ballot, make sure you sign your name the same as what it is listed on your voter registration. Frequently Asked Questions about Advance Voting in Kansas can be found [here](#).

**Early Voting** - Voters can cast ballots at Early Voting sites from October 14 through 12:00p.m. on November 2nd. Contact the local election commission to find out the places you can vote early. Be sure to take photo identification. Allowed identification includes Driver's License, U.S. Passport, U.S. Military ID, ID card issued by a Native American tribe, Employee badge issued by a government office, Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas, Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state, and Public assistance ID card issued by a government office. Voters age 65 or older may use an expired photo ID. Frequently Asked Questions about Photo ID can be found here: <https://www.kssos.org/elections/elections-faq.html#Photo-ID>

**Election Day** - Double check your polling place for November 3rd. This information is usually on your voter identification card, or you can check here: <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/voterview>. Make sure to bring your voter identification. Voting hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on November 3rd.

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Last week Oral Health Kansas Executive Director Tanya Dorf Brunner had the opportunity to visit with our neighbors at the Oklahoma Oral Health Coalition about the role of state oral health coalitions and how we can support each other. The coalition recently released a report card that is driving their work to improve oral health in rural areas, for special populations, through the workforce, and for pregnant women and children. Thanks to our Oklahoma friends for including us in your meeting!



## Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

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.



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

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