

## 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.

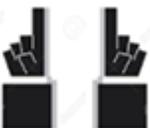
To view past issues [click here](#).

Click here to sign up for our [Weekly Wednesday Update](#).

October 30, 2019

Volume 10, Issue 44

**TIME'S  
RUNNING  
OUT**



## Last Day To Register Online Is This Week

The last day to register online for the 2019 Conference on Oral Health is Friday, November 1 by 5pm. You can pay at the door but we have to cut off registration when we meet capacity so please don't wait to sign up or you may not get a seat!

Single registration rate

\$120

Registration + new guest rate

\$170

Student rate: \$30

Thursday, November 7: Pre-Conference Session

Networking Opportunity: Community Oral Health Coalitions (by invitation)

Dental Champions Leadership Program Session Class 9 (by invitation)

*Dental Champions Alumni reception follows in the evening*

Date: Friday, November 8 All Day Conference

Location: K-State Olathe Campus

22201 W. Innovation Dr.

Olathe, KS 66061

Time: 7:30am-8:30am breakfast and registration

Conference sessions: 8:30am-4:00pm

For more conference details and sign up, click [here!](#)

Conference attire is business casual!

#OHK2k19



## A Visit to Capitol Hill

While attending the Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) National Convening in Baltimore last week OHK and Kansas Dental Association staff made a trip to the U.S. Capitol to discuss the importance of oral health with the Kansas congressional delegation. The group joined oral health advocates from across the country to discuss OPEN policy priorities including ensuring pregnant women who are enrolled in Medicaid

have dental services and providing oral health grants to every state health department in the country. The Kansas team had the chance to visit with staff from all four members of Congress as well as Senators Moran and Roberts. We look forward to following up with them and working on oral health policy improvement at the national level.



## Open Enrollment Begins November 1

The 2020 Open Enrollment Period runs from Friday, November 1 to Sunday, December 15, 2019. If you need coverage, don't miss the December 15 deadline or you will not be able to apply unless you qualify for the Special Enrollment Period. Click [here](#) to learn more how to apply!

Not sure how to choose dental coverage on the Marketplace? Oral Health Kansas has a list of questions to ask as you're walking through your coverage selection. You can find the information on our website at: [oralhealthkansas.org/ChoosingDentalCoverage](https://oralhealthkansas.org/ChoosingDentalCoverage)



## Celebrate National Brush Day

Every year on November 1, we celebrate National Brush Day! National Brush Day was first observed in 2013 and is purposely celebrated the day after Halloween. With all of the candy that is given out while Trick or Treating, make sure you child is brushing his teeth after eating candy. While going through your child's candy, make note of the candies that are not so good for teeth! For example, chocolate is the best candy choice. Why? Because it easily dissolves in your mouth and does not stick to your teeth like other candy. [Here](#) is a list of not so good candy options!

Does your child not want to brush his teeth? Brushing for two minutes, two times a day and flossing is not a lot of time, although to smaller children it may seem like it is. [Here](#) are some fun two minute videos you can entertain your child with as he brushes his teeth!



## Where Is Oral Health Kansas?

On Friday, November 8, we'll be at the 2019 Conference on Oral Health at the Kansas State Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr, Olathe, KS 66061. [Register](#) and come see us!



Executive Director, Tanya Dorf Brunner, was invited to participate in a panel presentation at the Midwest Dental Public Health Conference in Iowa City on October 28. She discussed the history and role of state oral health coalitions

across the country and described the support the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions provides to states. She also shared the story of Oral Health Kansas, including our advocacy activities and victories, educational programs, and collaborative projects. Nearly every state in the Midwest region has or is forming a state oral health coalition, so this was a great opportunity to provide background information for the 125 meeting attendees from across the region.



## Reserve Now For The End Of The Year

November starts on Friday! Get your reservation in before another month gets booked! Or [purchase](#) a Sugary Drink Display to have as your own!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month.

We will do our best to fulfill requests of less than 30 days but there is no guarantee.

There is no charge to use the Sugary Drink Display; postage is reimbursed if you send in your receipt. All we ask is for you to fill out our survey included in the display materials and provide us with feedback about the display. **Click [here](#) to make a reservation!**

Interested in purchasing a Sugary Drink Display? Click [here](#) to download our brochure.

## Follow Us



**Oral Health Kansas** • 712 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 412 Topeka, KS 66603  
785.235.6039 phone • 785.233.5564 fax [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)  
Copyright 2019