



## 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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## Dental & Public Health Class Opportunity

This year's Conference on Oral Health offers a special opportunity for dental, dental hygiene, and public health classes to participate in the event together and engage in guided conversations about the subjects and issues covered in the Conference. The Conference will include national and state thought leaders on diversity and equity, oral health for people with disabilities, new models

of dental care delivery, and providing access to Medicaid dental care for adults. A special classroom rate is available for an entire class to watch the sessions together, and Oral Health Kansas will provide discussion questions to help the class further explore the concepts and ideas shared during the Conference sessions. Learn more about this opportunity by contacting us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org), and check out the entire conference agenda at [www.oralhealthkansas.org/Conference.html](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/Conference.html).



## Celebrating Resiliency

October is National Dental Hygiene Month and this month we are celebrating Resiliency. Over the past year, dentists and hygienists have shown hard work and perseverance while managing a world of daily changes

and unknown. As you return to the dental chair, they continue to educate you on the importance of maintaining your oral health. The stress from the COVID19 pandemic had people eating unhealthy items or gritting their teeth from the worries of the world. Throughout this month, continue to brush, floss and drink water with fluoride. Share pictures of how you maintain your oral health on our [Facebook](#). Have you started new routines because of the pandemic?



## Connection Between Oral Health and Eye Health

It should come as no surprise that oral health affects your overall health. What we eat and how we maintain our mouths, affects our bodies. [CareQuest Institute for Oral Health](#) created a report to show the relationship between oral health, eye health, and overall health. Some of the key points found:

- Periodontal disease is associated with increased risk of developing glaucoma.
- Patients with diabetes have a significantly increased risk of developing glaucoma.
- Disabled and aging populations are more predisposed to oral issues and ocular diseases.

Download the report [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

- 2021 Conference on Oral Health, presented by Oral Health Kansas, November 4 and 5. Register [here](#).
- Webinar series: Integrating Race Conversations into Healthy Patient-Provider Interactions, 3rd Friday of every month at 12:00pm CST. Find more information [here](#).
- Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas (SACK) Conference, virtually on October 16, 9:30am-5:30pm. Register [here](#).
- Webinar: Managing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) with Dental and Oral Health, December 8, 8:00pm-10:00pm CST. Register [here](#).



Dental Champions never fail to impress us! A group of Dental Champions is organizing a fun virtual reception for all Dental Champions next month. **Barb**



**Conant** (Class 6), **Dr. Amy Seery** (Class 7), **Amber Sellers** (Class 4), and **Shannon Uehling** (Class 9) are planning a cocktail class and trivia

contest for Thursday, November 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. They have arranged for [Bourbonist785 Bryan Love II](#) to demonstrate cocktail recipes and [Michelle Strange, RDH](#) to host a trivia contest. **Thanks so much** to Barb, Amy, Amber, and Shannon for planning a super fun virtual evening for Dental Champions. Thank you to Sunflower Health Plan for sponsoring this event. Sign up for this free reception [here](#).

## 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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