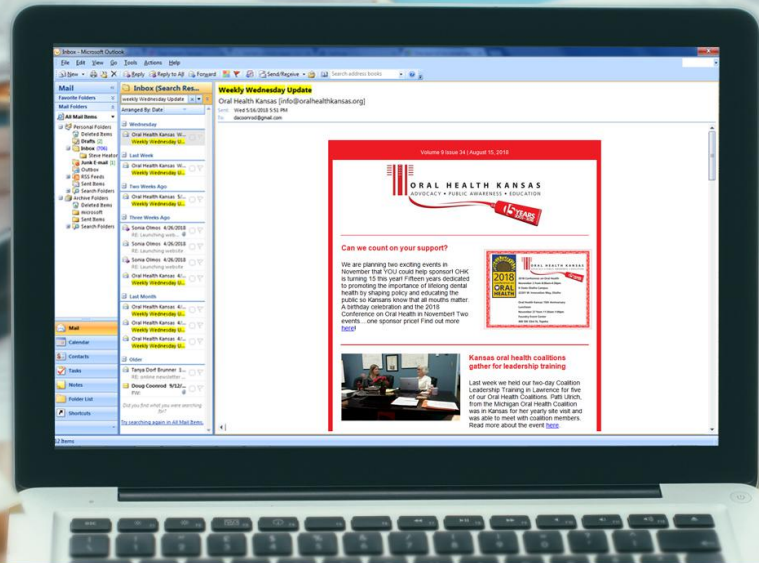




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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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Register And Receive A Conference Package

We will be mailing out conference packages to the **first 100 people** that sign up for the virtual Conference on Oral Health! These packages will contain materials used for the presentations, exhibitor items as well as fun gadgets!

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 dental offices and for dental and dental hygiene classes.

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 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!](#)

What Is Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) is a lung infection that develops in a person who is on a ventilator. An infection may occur if germs enter through the tube and get into the patient's lungs.

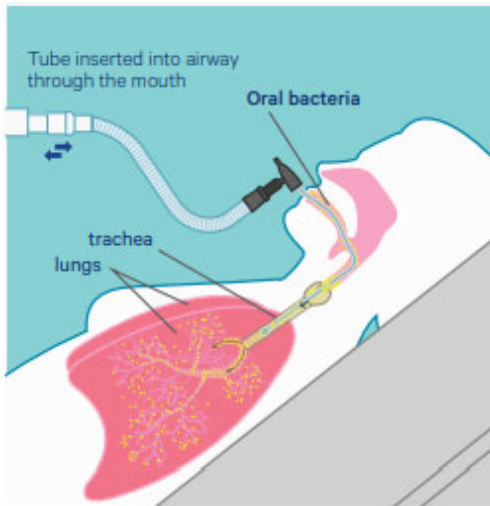


Fig. 1: How oral bacteria enter the lungs

Picture courtesy of DentaQuest Partnership

A [new report](#) from the DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement reinforces the connection between oral health and overall health and underscores the breadth of health issues - including ventilator-associated pneumonia - that ongoing oral health care can protect against. Getting preventive dental care can help decrease the chance of getting VAP. The report shows the importance of ongoing preventive oral care because neglected or ineffective oral care negatively impacts a patient's oral microbiome, making these patients more susceptible to bacteria-related hospital infections.



Learn What Will Impact The Oral Health System

Registration for the [Oral Health Progress and Equity Network \(OPEN\)](#) National Meeting is open. The goal of the meeting is for participants to understand and

explore opportunities that will impact the U.S. oral health system, begin to identify the next set of goals and targets for OPEN, and to reinforce the urgency to address structural racism. You can learn more and register here. Anyone is welcome to participate in the three-day meeting. The OPEN network also will debut their new website during the meeting. Register [here!](#)



Ready, Set, VOTE Kansas!

The November 3, 2020 election is only weeks away. Now is the time for voters to get ready for election day. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, it is critical that voters consider the safest ways to vote in the election. Oral Health Kansas wants to help people know the ways to prepare to cast their ballot.

READY

Register-In Kansas, voter registration is open until October 13. If you are not registered, go

to <https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg/Default.aspx> to sign up to vote. Not sure if you're

registered already? Check your voter registration status [here](#). If you or someone needs a paper form in Spanish, you can find that document [here](#).

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.

One of our Friday, November 6 speakers at the Conference on Oral Health is Dr. Timothy Garvey. Dr. Garvey is a University of Florida professor and a dentist who focuses on patients with disabilities. He will be speaking at the Conference on Oral Health about his experiences and strategies he has used with patients. Dr. Garvey recently received the Health Equity Hero award for his more than 30 years working with patients with disabilities.



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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