



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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National Water Access Grant Awarded In Kansas

Oral Health Kansas has been awarded an 18-month grant from Voices for Healthy Kids, a program of the American Heart Association. This national grant will support a partnership in Kansas to create policy change in school districts across the state to make it easier for K-12 students to have access to water bottle filling stations in school. The core project partners are United School Administrators of Kansas and Community Action, Inc. The project will begin in 2021

and will run through the summer of 2022. Stay tuned to learn more about the project and opportunities to be involved in the work.

Get Involved! **How To Get Involved With Oral Health Kansas**



We often have people ask us how they can get more involved with Oral Health Kansas. Here are some simple ways to stay involved with us while maintaining our distance. We will continue to share more ways and if you're interested in any of them, reach out to us by emailing at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

Tell your story or the story of people you know. Do you have a story about someone's difficulties or success trying to find dental care? You can share your story or a story of someone you know [here](#). You may remain anonymous. Personal stories are powerful tools in policy conversations with legislators, and we often use your stories in our testimony to the Kansas Legislature. You are also welcome to share your story with the Kansas Legislature. Keep an eye out for our advocacy alerts to find out when and where your testimony could be used!

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Have Fun With Super Smiles For Your Child

Parents! Teachers! Caregivers! Have you seen our [Super Smiles For Your Child](#) virtual interactive activities? There are different oral health topics you and your child can learn about while having fun at home! Learn about smart snacking or toothbrushing battles children

struggle with. You'll get to watch fun videos, listen to stories and songs, play games, and more! Just click on the topic you want to know more about to get started on your journey.



National Sign-On Letter Available This Week

The national Oral Health Progress and Equity Network (OPEN) is making a sign-on letter available to oral health advocates. It is a letter to President-elect Biden's transition team about oral health policy issues and opportunities to make improvements in policies such as Medicare's coverage of dental care. Any organization is welcome to sign onto the letter by Tuesday, December 15 at 3 pm. The letter is available to read [here](#). To add your organization to the letter, please fill out [this form](#).



The Oral Health Kansas Board of Directors held their final meeting of the 2020 year on December 4th. We have appreciated the support from each of them as we navigated through the pandemic this year.

Learn more about our amazing Board [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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