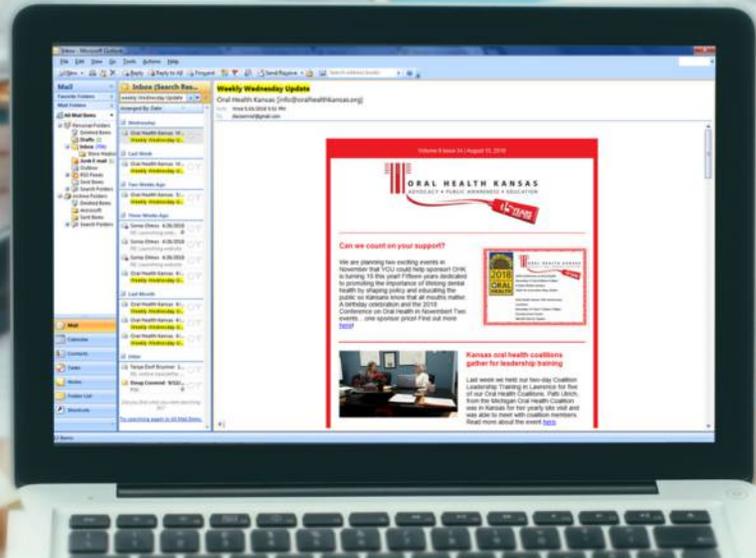




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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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.

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

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

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### OHK Office Remains Closed

The Oral Health Kansas office continues to remain closed, due to the [Shawnee County Safe At Home Order](#). Staff is working remotely. If you need to reach any of us please call 785-235-6039 and Sonia will get a message to the appropriate staff member. Or email us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org). Please note: This picture is from 2017 when we didn't have to be 6 feet apart.



## New Guide: Oral Health Services for Children and Adolescents with Special Health Care Needs

[National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center](#) at Georgetown University created a new guide to help health professionals in planning, developing, and implementing efforts to help ensure that

children and adolescents with special health care needs receive optimal oral health care. The guide provides descriptions of materials on policy, professional education and practice, program development, and public education. Descriptions of and contact information for relevant organizations are also included. The resource guide is available at <https://www.mchoralhealth.org/announcements/cshcn-resource.php>.



## Fun Resources To Help Stay Healthy

During these times of uncertainty, one thing is certain! We have to do what we can to STAY HEALTHY! The Oral Health Kansas website has several resources to help children learn why it's important to stay healthy. Whether that is brushing your teeth or washing your hands! Watch a video with Captain

Super Ultra Mega Smile Man. Or watch Elmo and Abby as they sit down and have a healthy snack while making up their own song. Have your children watch the video to learn why healthy foods and drinking water makes their teeth healthy and strong! Who knows? You may end up creating your own healthy foods song!



We know March is over but we wanted to share one more important individual for March's Women of History month. Dr. Esther Wilkins, who founded the University of Washington School of Dentistry's dental hygiene program, was widely regarded as the godmother of modern dental hygiene. Dr. Wilkins is renowned in the dental hygiene community. Her ubiquitous textbook "Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist" first appeared in 1959, and its 12th edition was published this year, according to the American Dental Hygienists' Association. Esther died Dec. 12, 2016 just days after turning 100



**Dr. Esther Wilkins**  
Photo courtesy University of Washington



## 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 May 1. You can begin making reservations for later in the year now, though.**



Reserve your Sugary Drink Display for a health fair, office, or event! You can also [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. Click [here](#) to learn more! 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.



## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Conference on Oral Health scheduled for Friday, November 13! Location in Johnson County! Watch for more details!

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