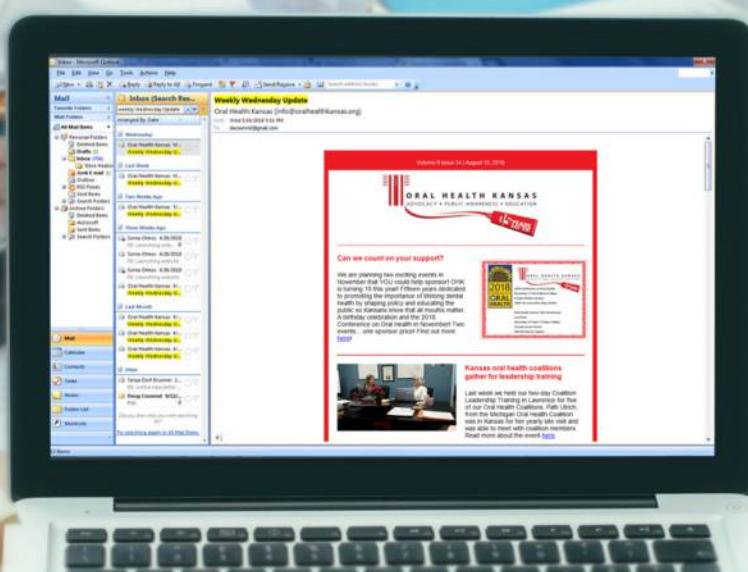




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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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Conference On Oral Health To Go Virtual

In order to keep our supporters and partners safe, the Oral Health Kansas Board of Directors has announced the 2020 Conference on Oral Health will be held virtually this year. This was a difficult decision to make, but with the safety and precautions around COVID19 it was the best decision. The Conference Planning Committee is meeting virtually already,

and as we continue to make plans we will share more updates! We'll provide updates in our [Weekly Wednesday Update](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



Advocating In The COVID-19 Crisis

Although the COVID-19 crisis has shifted many of Oral Health Kansas' advocacy priorities, our organization has continued to recognize advocacy opportunities to improve the oral health and overall health of Kansas. Last week we shared an opportunity for organizations to sign on to a letter to congressional leadership seeking the inclusion of oral health in their next COVID-19 relief package. The final letter, which included nearly 200 organizations from across the country, was sent to congressional leadership on May 18. Oral Health Kansas will continue to work with our state's U.S. Senators and Representatives to move the needle on oral health at a federal level. Thank you to the fellow Kansas organizations that joined OHK in signing on to this letter to Congress. [View the final letter here.](#)

Oral Health Kansas continued to show our support for expanding Medicaid in the state of Kansas by signing on to a letter sent to Governor Laura Kelly and members of the Kansas Legislature this week urging them to close the coverage gap before the 2020 Legislative Session ends. In a time where many Kansans are struggling with job loss and newfound financial hardship, expanded healthcare coverage is even more urgent and important. [View the final letter here.](#)

Oral Health Kansas remains dedicated to improving the oral health of our state, and we will continue to seek out and identify opportunities to make positive policy changes in Kansas.



Community Water Fluoridation Webinar Series

In honor of the 75th anniversary of community water fluoridation, the American Dental Association Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention's National Fluoridation Advisory Committee will offer a series of four Zoom webinars in July that will include continuing education credit for each.

The webinars are listed below:

The Power of Safe Drinking Water and Caries Prevention: Tuesday, July 7th from 12-1:30 p.m. CST

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k-dQgBjcSt6wVL32v7-xSQ

Fluoridation Advocacy: How to Share Evidence-Based Findings to Lay Audiences: Tuesday, July 14th from 12-1:30 p.m. CST

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VGYrMiKNRT-rKrdHyIGelg

Mom's Guide to Fluoride: Monday, July 27th from 12-1:30 p.m. CST

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oBNVxwQQQeS3zSOxEHicSA

Fluoridation Public Hearings and Grassroots Campaigns: Wednesday, July 29th from 12-1:30 p.m. CST

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7m6Scf_QSWWzZYohMoYk4Q



Do You Have A Passion For Children's Health Policy?

Kansas Action for Children is hiring a Health Policy Advisor. They're looking for someone who has a passion for children's health policy - if you are someone who has previous advocacy or coalition experience and are familiar with Kansas, that makes you an even stronger candidate! The Health Policy Advisor advocates to improve the health of Kansas children and families through policies related to health care, food security, and early development. That advocacy happens by building coalitions with other nonprofits, engaging grassroots advocates, and engaging in the state legislative process.

Read the full job announcement here! <https://kac.org/who-we-are/about-us/employment-at-kac/>



We wanted to take this opportunity to send all 2020 graduates a CONGRATULATIONS on your accomplishments! We know this year has been full of unexpected

circumstances, but we hope you recognize that you are a unique group of people. You have shown you are resilient and can easily stay on your toes because you never know what the next day (or stay-at-home phase) will bring!



We hope you get to celebrate in some fun way that you find joyful! Congratulations Class of 2020!



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 3. 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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