

## 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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### Sharing Our Impact On Social Media

This year we are sharing the impact of our work with our Weekly Wednesday Update readers. One of our goals is to share information, resources, tips, and even fun little tidbits through our social media. We have 1,220 followers on Facebook, 195 followers on Twitter, and 103 on Instagram.

Through our social media accounts, we have the opportunity to share information far and wide. Our recent posting of [our consumer guide](#) to dental visits during this COVID-19 outbreak was shared 36 times and has been viewed nearly 5,000 times. If you are not

following us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/OralHealthKansas](http://www.facebook.com/OralHealthKansas)), Twitter ([https://twitter.com/OralHealth\\_KS](https://twitter.com/OralHealth_KS)) or Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/oralhealthks/>) yet, follow us today!



## Legislature Adjourns; Set To Return June 3rd For Special Session

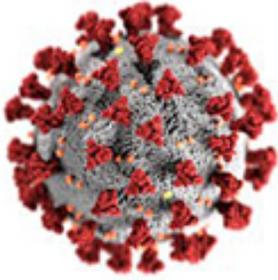
The final day of the 2020 Kansas Legislative Session began at 8:00AM on Thursday, May 21st. Both chambers, the Senate and the House, worked around the clock for nearly twenty-four hours before adjourning shortly before 8:00AM on Friday, May 22nd.

The Legislature worked to address a number of issues, including:

- Amended the Governor's powers under the Kansas Emergency Management Act (KEMA) by inserting legislative committee oversight and veto power over current and future emergency response processes.
- Created a legislative oversight and approval role to manage federal COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery funding (CARES Act and other federal funding).
- Amended tax policy to ease or codify some income and property tax burdens during the current economic crisis; repeal the local government tax lid and replace it with a public hearing and notification process.
- No reductions or adjustments to the budget approved before the conclusion of the regular session.

On Tuesday, May 26th, Governor Laura Kelly vetoed HB 2054, which passed last Friday and would have made the above changes to the state's emergency management statutes and complicated the state's ability to respond to the COVID crisis. Due to the 2020 Legislative Session officially adjourning, the Legislature will be unable to attempt to overturn Governor Kelly's veto. Along with vetoing the bill, the Governor issued a new emergency declaration as well as called for a special legislative session set to begin on Wednesday, June 3rd. The Governor's main goal for the special session is for the Legislature to address any changes to KEMA and to extend the new emergency declaration, which otherwise has limited authority for only fifteen days. The Legislature does not have to stay within this subject during the special session, though. All bills that were alive before the Legislature adjourned on May 26 are now dead, so the Legislature will have to start from scratch.

Oral Health Kansas will continue to keep you updated as the legislature returns for special session next week.



## Guidance Released For Dental Settings

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings during the COVID-19 Response with guidance for resuming non-emergency dental care during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Thursday, May 28 there will be a webinar discussing considerations for prioritizing the most critical dental services and providing care in a way that minimizes harm to patients from delayed care as well as harm to personnel from potential exposure to COVID-19.

Panelists will include Dr. Pamela Porembski, director of the ADA's Center for Dental Practice, and OSAP experts Kathy Eklund and Eve Cuny. Register here.

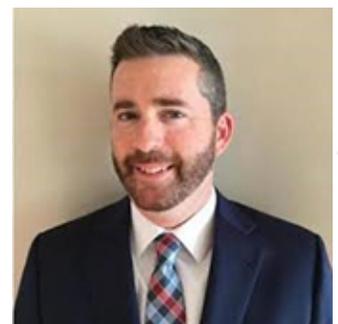


## Facebook Town Hall Meetings

The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas has been providing Facebook live events sharing information about mental health, the state budget and the impact of this health crisis on community health clinics. To view past town hall meetings, click here. And watch for a town hall on oral health very soon! The material provided is important to help us learn the resources that are in our community. Thank you to the Alliance and partners for keeping us informed!



This week we are recognizing a valuable partner, the Kansas Medicaid Director. Adam Proffitt announced that he will leave his position early next month for a job in the private sector. Adam has been a great ally for the dental community, and he has helped shepherd in the first two Medicaid dental rate increases since 2001. He has been patient and helpful in all of our work with him, and most of all he has been a trusted source of information. Adam is leaving the Kansas Medicaid program even better than he found it, and we will miss working with him.





## 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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