

## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

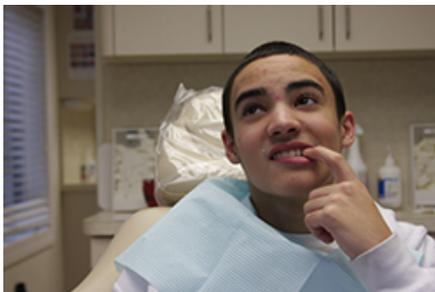
The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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### What To Expect At the Dentist

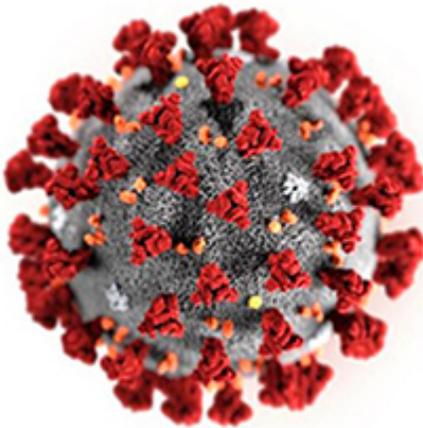
Oral Health Kansas remains a resource for credible information. As an organization, we have developed and collected a number of resources that may be helpful for consumers at this time. Oral Health Kansas developed this [consumer resource](#) to explain some of the changes we may see in dental clinics following the COVID-19 crisis, including appointment availability and infection control protocols.



## Legislators Will Reconvene May 21st

The Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC), made up of House and Senate Leadership, met this afternoon at 3:00PM to determine the future of the 2020 Session. The LCC voted to have the Legislature reconvene on May 21st, which is also Sine Die, or the ceremonial end of session. This means

legislators will return for a one day meeting to wrap up the 2020 Legislative Session. Oral Health Kansas will continue to keep you updated as we learn more information.



## Opportunity To Join In Congressional Advocacy

Within the next week, Kansas organizations will have the opportunity to sign onto a letter urging Congress to take action on several policies to improve oral health during this COVID crisis. The advocacy effort will include asking Congress to increase the federal share of Medicaid funding during the crisis in order to help states cope with plunging tax collections. Congress also will be asked to increase the

federal share of Medicaid funding specifically for dental services in order to address the challenge in accessing Medicaid dental services. The final request will be to establish funds for each state for public oral health needs, such as dental care for people who are uninsured, personal protective equipment for dental providers, infection control, and data collection.

Look for a request to sign onto the letter early next week, but there will be a quick turnaround, because the letter will be delivered to Congress by Friday, May 15.



## Pathways To Improving Children's Oral Health Using Silver Diamine Fluoride

On Wednesday, May 20, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is launching the "Advancing Prevention and Reducing Childhood Caries in Medicaid and CHIP Learning Collaborative" to support state Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) agencies' efforts to improve children's

oral health. The Learning Collaborative consists of two parts: a webinar series beginning on May 20, 2020 followed by an affinity group for states interested in implementing oral health quality improvement projects. CMCS invites you to the first webinar of the Advancing Prevention and Reducing Childhood Caries in Medicaid and CHIP Learning Collaborative webinar series, "Pathways to Improving Children's Oral Health Using Silver Diamine Fluoride" on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET. This webinar will introduce successful approaches for using silver diamine fluoride to arrest dental decay and improve the oral health of Medicaid and CHIP-enrolled children. Presenters will share how two states designed SDF policies and reimbursement strategies. [Click here](#) to register.



Congratulations to several OHK partners for being selected to the 2020-21 [Children's Health Leadership Network](#).

This class is a leadership development through the Annie E. Casey Foundation,

the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and The Atlantic Philanthropies. The class consists of teams from Kansas, Missouri and Texas.



Below are the members from Kansas:

- Brenda Bandy, executive director, Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, Inc
- Broderick Crawford, president, NBC Community Development Corporation (Wyandotte Oral Health Coalition Member)
- April Holman, executive director, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas
- Bertha Mendoza, instructor for nutrition education, K-State Research and Extension
- Adrienne Olejnik, vice president, Kansas Action for Children (Dental Champions Member Class 8)
- Alice Weingartner, chief strategy officer, Community Care Network of Kansas (Dental Champions Member Class 9)
- Donna Young, executive director, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County

Congratulations to all!



## 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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