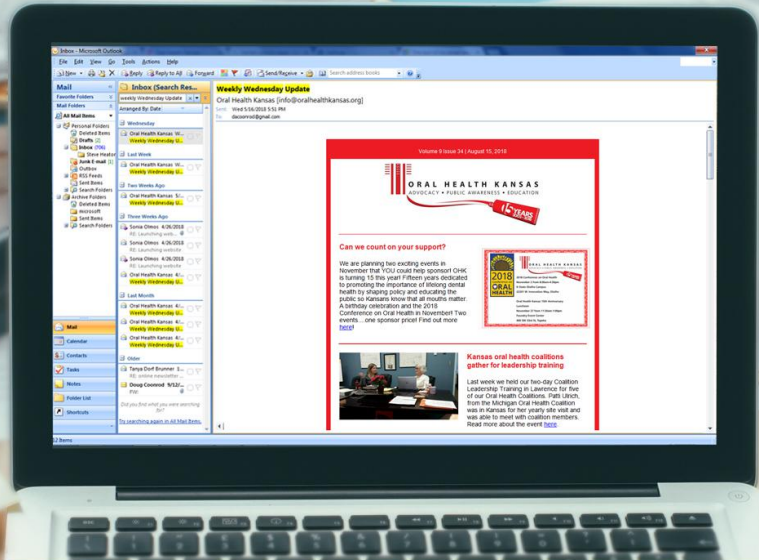




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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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.

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## Virtual Conference. What Do You Think?

As we continue to plan the 2020 Conference on Oral Health virtually, we know many of you have been attending conferences virtually since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and want to hear from you. We want to know what day of the week would work best for you to do virtual sessions. Respond to this [short survey](#) with your preference!



## Water Fluoridation Trial Reaches End

Over the past two weeks, the lawsuit filed by the Fluoride Action Network (FAN) challenging Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current regulations on community water fluoridation was heard. The trial wrapped up today, and the next step is for the EPA and FAN to discuss the EPA conducting another review of the proper standards to apply in evaluating water fluoridation. By early August we should know more about whether there will be a ruling in the case.

The case is about the safety and effectiveness about community water fluoridation, which has been used throughout the country for 75 years.

This proven public health practice adds an important measure of protection for everyone's oral health. When added to the use of fluoridated toothpaste and regular dental care, community water fluoridation helps children and adults to keep their teeth as strong as possible.

FAN is an anti-water fluoridation group that has spent the last 20 years fighting fluoridation at the local, state, and national levels.



## Enrollment In The Marketplace

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released [final summary enrollment data](#) on April 2, 2020, for the seventh open enrollment period of the federally facilitated health insurance marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The open enrollment period lasted from November 1, 2019, to December 18, 2019.

The Kansas Health Institute provided a summary of the findings. During that time, a total of 85,837 Kansans selected a health insurance plan or were automatically re-enrolled for the 2020 plan year through the marketplace. A total of 13,007 Kansans selected a standalone dental insurance plan for the 2020 plan year through the marketplace. Information is not yet available on how many Kansans have paid their premiums and are covered by the insurance plans they selected (effectuated enrollment). Click [here](#) to read more.



## Marian Dental Clinic Is Hiring

Are you looking for employment? Marian Dental Clinic in Topeka is hiring for a Registered Nurse or Development

Coordinator. Here are the job descriptions for each position and to learn more!

- [Registered Nurse](#)
- [Development Coordinator](#)



This week is bittersweet as we say goodbye to Kelly Rippel, who has been the Water Access Manager for the Thirsty for Health project as well as the Community Water Fluoridation Specialist. Kelly started with Oral Health Kansas in 2016. He helped design the Thirsty for Health project from the ground up and coordinated the costume drawing contest that was the creation of Sippy! Kelly was a member of the eighth Dental Champions class and used what he learned about water fluoridation to become the state's water fluoridation specialist and serve as a resource to water operators across the state. We appreciated the opportunity to work with Kelly and are grateful that among so many other accomplishments, he brought our mascot Sippy to life!



## 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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