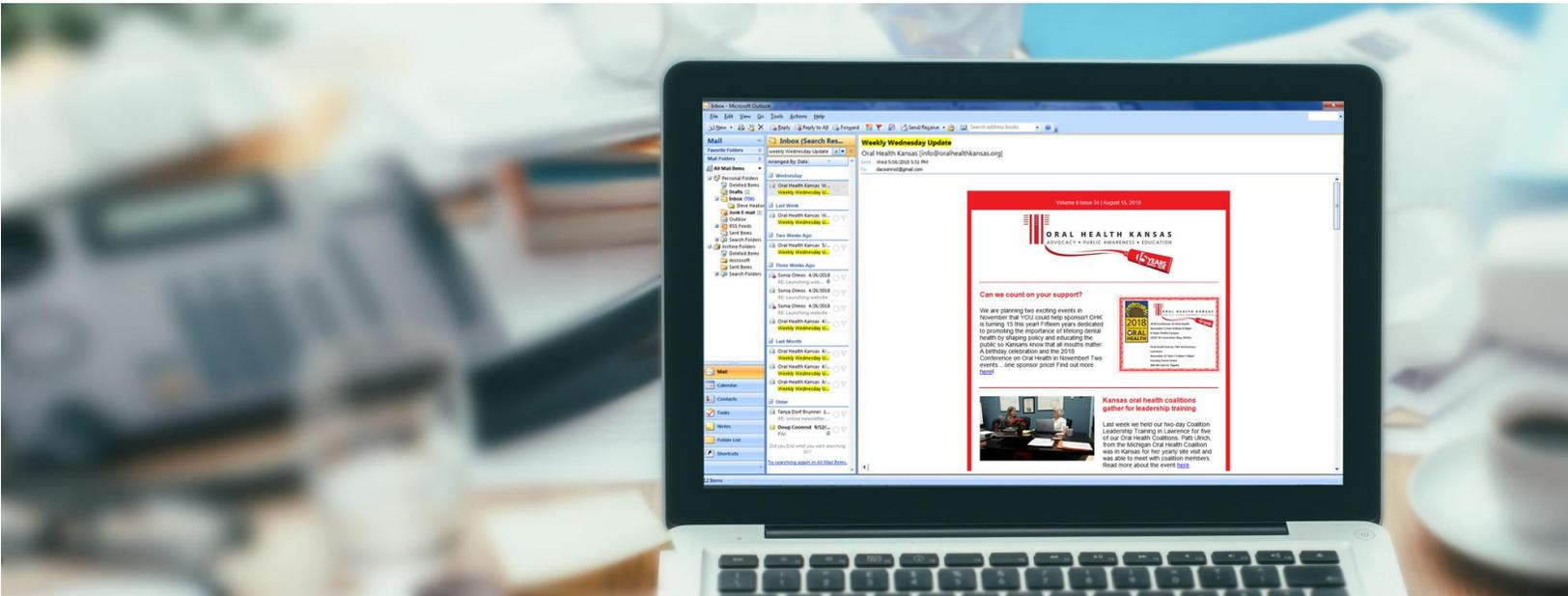




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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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

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## Get Your Seat For The 2019 Conference On Oral Health

Registration for the 2019 Conference on Oral Health is now open! The event will be Friday, November 8 at the Kansas State University Olathe Campus, 22201 W Innovation Dr, in Olathe. Join people from across Kansas

as we bring together voices working to create change. Everyone has a role to play in building a healthier, more vibrant community.

Our speakers are geared up and ready for November!

- Innovations: Using Teledentistry to Increase Access  
Nathan Suter, DDS  
Access Teledentistry, Green Leaf Dental Care  
House Springs, Missouri
- Integration: How Interprofessional Collaborations Can Improve Oral Health  
Jonalan Smith, PharmD  
Sunflower Health Plan  
Mission, Kansas
- Equity: Communities Keeping Kansans Healthy  
Members of Dental Champions Leadership Program Class IX
- Leading People for Oral Health Excellence  
Timothy L. Ricks, DMD, MPH  
Rear Admiral (RADM), Assistant Surgeon General  
Chief Dental Officer, U.S. Public Health Service
- Keynote Speaker: Carlos Rodriguez, RDH  
Comedian & Podcast Host  
Atlanta, GA

[Register now!](#) Seating is limited.



## Take Advantage Of Legislative Adjournment!

The 2019 legislative session adjourned for the summer on May 29. Summer adjournment is the perfect time to connect with legislators as they are back in their home district until the start of the 2020 legislative session in January. Take this opportunity to remind them of the oral health concerns in your area and what they can do to help. Utilize the guide below to contact your legislator!

1. Find your legislator [here](#).
2. When you contact or meet with them, be sure to:
  - a. Tell them your name and address so they know you're a constituent.
  - b. Educate them on your work and why oral health matters.
  - c. Emphasize your ask of them. (i.e. increase adult dental benefits, expand Medicaid)
  - d. Share your contact information in case they have questions.
3. Invite your legislator to tour your organization or clinic. You can also invite them to an event you may be holding. These are excellent opportunities to educate them on your work and how oral health impacts the overall health of your community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Policy Director, Christi Nance, at [cnance@ohks.org](mailto:cnance@ohks.org).



## Kansas State Board Of Education Makes Recommendations On Vaping

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated last year more than 3.6 million U.S. middle and high school students had used an e-cigarette in the past month. Last week, [the Kansas State Board of Education voted](#) to require schools to warn students of the dangers of vaping, starting next year. Read the Work Group on Vaping/E-Cigarettes recommendations [here](#).

Teens are also taking a stand on vaping and learning the risks. [Resist Tobacco](#) is a youth-led, statewide movement created to FIGHT against the tobacco industry's influence on Kansans. Youth not only participate in tobacco control prevention activities structured by this program, but they also help design and implement them utilizing the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Best Practices for Youth Engagement.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment provides resources for schools and vaping. Click [here](#) to view.



## Community Care Network of Kansas Annual Conference

Community Care Network of Kansas annual conference will be held September 11-13 in Manhattan, Kansas. The two-day event features dynamic health care professionals leading ground-breaking efforts to navigate the crossroads of health care - the challenges, changes, and opportunities - on the path to achieving health equity. Visit their [website](#) for more details.



## Webcast: The Health Impact Of Tobacco Use Among People With Disabilities

Join a webcast on Thursday, June 20, 2019, 9:00 - 10:00 am ET and learn about the impact tobacco has on people with disabilities. This webcast will review the patterns and health impacts of tobacco use among people with disabilities, as well as strategies medical and health professionals can use to help reduce their tobacco use. CE's available. To learn more or register, click [here](#).

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Staying healthy has many components. Eating healthy, being active and keeping up with your oral health! Ron Alexander, previous Dental Champions Leadership Program Coordinator, is an avid cyclist and has many stories to tell. He is inspiring!

He recently participated in Biking Across Kansas (BAK). (BAK) is an annual, eight-day, bicycle tour across the state of Kansas, celebrating it's 45th anniversary this year.

Way to go, Ron!



## Reserve A Sugary Drink Display

Our Sugary Drink Display has been traveling all over Kansas. Don't wait to make your reservations!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month.



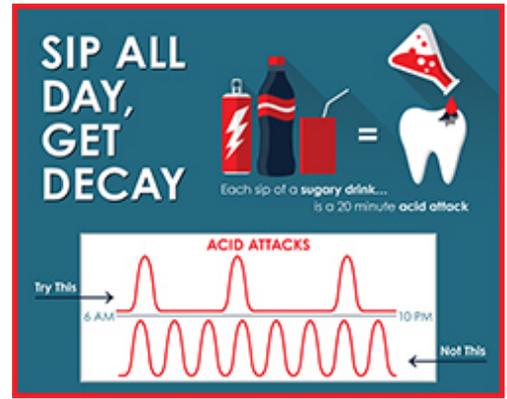
Spots fill up quickly! We will do our best to fulfill requests of less than 30 days but there is no guarantee.



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? Great, email us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org) and we'll send you more info!



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