



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 Oral Health Kansas' Impact

This year we are sharing some facts about Oral Health Kansas' impact in our state. Each fall we host the Conference on Oral Health as a way to bring Kansans together to learn about cutting edge strategies to improve oral health for underserved populations, how

to get involved in public policy change, and to network with colleagues from across the state. Attendees last year told us the Conference provides a good variety of speakers and an organized way for professionals to get to know each other. One attendee remarked, "I loved discussing the topics with peers and learning through others' personal perspectives."

We are happy to share some data about the number of people who join us each year. We also invite you to mark your calendars for the 2020 Conference on Oral Health, which will be virtual for the first time. The Conference will be 9 am to 12 pm on Friday, October 30 and 8 am to 12 pm on Friday, November 6. We look forward to announcing the program next month and hope you can make plans to join us!



Don't Forget To Vote Next Week!

During the COVID pandemic, access to dental care has become a concern with families losing their jobs and losing insurance coverage. As state policy makers are making cuts to budgets, they are overlooking the importance of oral health for their communities. Now is the time to emphasize to them not to make cuts that will hinder access to oral health services. One way to do that

is to vote! If you missed the deadline to submit your request for a mail in ballot, you can still vote! On Tuesday, August 4, polls will be open to vote in the Kansas State Primary Election. Not sure where your polling place is? Click on [this link](#) to enter information to find where you go. Can't make it to the polls on August 4th? Don't worry – most counties have early voting centers! Find early voter polling locations in your community on your county's local election website!



Thank You ADA For 30 Years

On July 26, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) celebrated 30 years of enforcement efforts to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications and access to state and local government' programs and services. The ADA has made great strides for people with disabilities, but

the work continues!

Oral Health Kansas has [helpful resources](#) on our website for people with disabilities and for caretakers. One of our resources is a video produced with the help of Heartspring in Wichita, which shows several ways of helping people with autism brush their teeth. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/bcfeE8nfvKk?rel=0>

ADA American Dental Association®

Use This Return To Work Toolkit

The American Dental Association's Advisory Task Force for Dental Practice Recovery has developed this free toolkit with interim guidance which recommends measures to take to help protect patients, staff and dentists from COVID-19 as dental practices re-engage in providing the full range of oral health care. Click [here](#) to request a toolkit sent to you.



Although Oral Health Kansas is working remotely, we have been busy putting together oral health training kits for pregnant women. The Becoming a Mom workshops are a partnership between Oral

Health Kansas and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Maternal and Child Health.



Submit Your Award Nominations

The Excellence in Oral Health Awards are open for nominations. Submit your nominations by Friday, September 5, 2020 by 5pm to info@oralhealthkansas.org.

The categories for nominations are:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygiene Clinician



- Outstanding Dentist Award
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethel Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion Award

[Excellence in Oral Health Award Nomination Form](#)
[Outstanding Dental Champion Award Nomination Form](#)

This year, we will honor the award winners during the virtual Conference on Oral Health. More details to come!



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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