

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

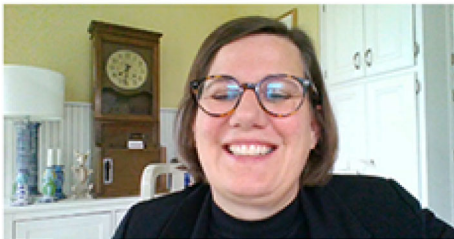
The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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2020 Virtual Exhibitor Alliance for a Healthy Kansas
April Holman, Executive Director

Be A Virtual Exhibitor

At the 2021 Conference on Oral Health, demonstrate your products from your office chair or dining room table! We are taking registrations for organizations to exhibit at the virtual Conference on Oral Health November 4 and 5. Both days will be half days. You will have the opportunity to submit a one-minute video

promoting your organization and materials. In addition to the video, you can also share materials in the conference packets each participant will receive. Everyone likes to receive

something in the mail, especially fun swag! Last year's conference participants told us they loved receiving items in the mail and enjoyed the opportunity to casually visit exhibitors during breaks and being able to ask them questions via the conference platform. This year our conference will have topics on diversity, equity and inclusion, people with disabilities, new delivery models, Medicaid adult dental and advocacy. We provide different options for exhibitors or sponsors. Click [here](#) to view the packet.



Continue To Keep Yourself Safe

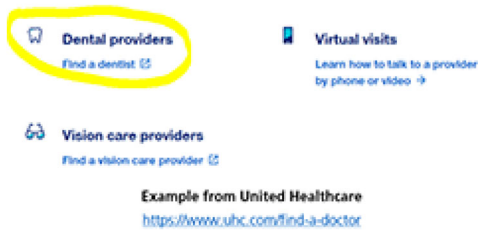
The American Dental Association (ADA) released a fact sheet August 6th containing information about the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 and why vaccination and masks continue to be recommended by the ADA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Some important points in the [fact sheet](#):

- ADA and CDC recommendations for dental practice settings remain the same. Mitigation strategies, long recommended by the CDC and ADA, include being vaccinated against the virus, using personal protective equipment in practice settings and social distancing.
- As of the end of July 2021, the overwhelming majority of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
- Infection by this strain can be detected earlier after exposure and is seen to have a higher concentration of viral particles present in infected individuals.

The COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all people aged 12 years and older, including people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future. Pregnant and recently pregnant people are more likely to get severely ill with COVID-19 compared with non-pregnant people. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy can protect you from severe illness from COVID-19. When talking to patients including pregnant women, reassure them it's safe to get the vaccine. [Here](#) are some talking points to use.

Don't forget to visit our [COVID-19 resource page](#) and let us know if there is additional information you need by emailing us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.



Finding A Dentist

We receive calls on a weekly basis from case workers or individuals looking for a dentist. Although we may not always have the answer, we do coach callers through our [Finding A Dentist](#) page on our website. This is a resource page you can navigate to find a dentist in

Kansas. If someone has [KanCare \(Medicaid\)](#) there are links to each Managed Care Organization (MCO) website. Select the MCO company website link and navigate through the website to the find a provider/doctor/dentist section. Each website is different. We also have a list of [Safety Net Clinics](#) in Kansas that provide dental services. [Insure Kids Now](#) is also a helpful resource to find a dentist for your child. Let us know if there are additional resources you need by sending a message to info@oralhealthkansas.org.



Upcoming Events

- 2021 Conference on Oral Health, presented by Oral Health Kansas, November 4 and 5. More information will be provided [here](#).
- Alliance for a Healthy Kansas is hosting community meetings around the state to discuss Medicaid expansion. The next one is in Newton, August 19 from 6-7:30. For more information and locations, click [here](#).
- Medicare Dental Benefit Proposal Update from Washington, D.C., August 19 at 7:00 pm CST. [Registration is free](#).
- Webinar: Thursday, August 19, Treating Today's Multigenerational Patient Base, preventive care and the future of dentistry in the post-pandemic world. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.
- Webinar series: Integrating Race Conversations into Healthy Patient-Provider Interactions, 3rd Friday of every month at 12:00pm CST. Find more information [here](#).
- Families Together, Together We Can Learn Virtual Conference, September 11 beginning at 9am CST. Click [here](#) to learn more information.
- Community Care Network of Kansas Virtual Conference, September 20 - 23, 2021. Register [here](#).
- Kansas Public Health Association Virtual Conference, September 21-23, 2021. Register [here](#).



This week we recognized National Nonprofit Day on Tuesday, August 17. OHK appreciates our supporters and volunteers, including our Board of Directors. We have 14 board

members who volunteer their time to guide OHK through sustainability while also monitoring our projects. They not only attend quarterly board meetings that have been virtual since the COVID19 pandemic began, they also provide oversight quickly when we come across hurdles that we need assistance with. Thank you for standing by OHK through the uncertainties.



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.

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.



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