



## 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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## Oral Health Objectives For Healthy People 2030

Healthy People identifies public health priorities to help individuals, organizations, and communities across the United States improve health and well-being. This week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the launch of [Healthy People 2030](#), which

builds on knowledge gained over the first four decades of the initiative. Healthy People 2030 includes a wide range of objectives, including oral health. The goal is to improve overall health by increasing access to oral health, including preventive services.

The oral health objectives match many of our goals at Oral Health Kansas, including reducing the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults with active or untreated decay; increasing the proportion of people with dental insurance; increasing people's access to fluoridated water, and reducing people's consumption of added sugars.

The oral health objectives cover topics including:

- Oral Conditions-General
- Adolescents
- Health Care Access and Quality
- Health Policy
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating
- Older Adults
- Preventive Care
- Public Health Infrastructure

A full list of oral health objectives can be found [here](#).



## Bounce Back During COVID19

If you are like most of us, you may be trying to find different and fun things to do at home with your family all while trying to maintain your own mental health during this time of enduring stress and uncertainty. [The Bounce Back Project](#) is a unique collaborative of physicians, nurses, hospital leaders, staff and community partners in Wright County, Minnesota, who have come together for a single purpose - to impact the lives of individuals, communities, and organizations by promoting health through happiness.

The project has provided lots of resources including ways to bounce back. You can find resources for kids, families and yourself. Click [here](#) to find activities and resources.

## Head Start Needs Your Help

Head Start promotes school readiness of children under 5 from low-income families through education, health, social and other services. Conservative estimates indicate that Head Start's supplies and staffing costs specific to COVID-19 amount to \$1.7 billion, but as it



stands, Congress' next and final COVID-19 response package includes no funding for Head Start. Contact your Senators and express the need for Head Start funding. The National Head Start Association is asking for help in contacting Senators Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts by clicking [here](#).



On Friday, August 14, the OHK Board of Directors met for our quarterly board meeting. During the pandemic, we have

been grateful to have board members as dedicated and understanding as ours. They continue to work hard by our side as we face challenges that have come about.



## 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](mailto: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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