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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How dental hygiene skills can fit into various career paths

Dr. Jim Trotter joined the faculty at UMKC, School of Dentistry in 2008 after practicing in Overland Park, KS for 30 years. Dr. Trotter will be at the 2018 Conference on Oral Health providing his insight about how dentists and hygienists are bringing oral health into new settings. Nontraditional office settings have become important in contributing to geographic disparities and providing oral health care services.

The 2018 Conference on Oral Health will be held on November 2, from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Opportunities to bring a new guest and receive a discount are available! Find out more here!
Next week! Local Topeka organizations will hold candidate forum

A legislative candidate forum will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka. Local Topeka organizations have been excitedly planning the event. The forum moderator will be Tim Carpenter, Topeka Capital-Journal Statehouse bureau chief. The event starts at 6:30pm.

For more information contact Doug Bowman, dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org or 785-235-6039.

Award nominations deadline September 21

The last day to submit Excellence in Oral Health Award nominations is this Friday, September 21 by 5pm. When deciding who to nominate, follow these guidelines: 1) Carefully review award specifications 2) Has this person been awarded in previous years? If so, consider nominating a team. 3) Provide as many examples or details as you can. Our board members rely on your words to envision the work of your nominee.

The Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion recipient will be awarded at the Dental Champions Reception on November 1. The remainder of the award recipients will be awarded during the 2018 Conference on Oral Health November 2.

To see a list of past recipients and to download the nomination form, click here.

What is Tobacco 21? Kansas Health Institute provides informative report

Kansas Health Institute released a report yesterday titled "Understanding the Tobacco21 Initiative and Implementation of Tobacco 21 Laws". The report provides information on the history of the Tobacco 21 initiative, where it has been in Kansas, and the impact these laws have on our communities.

In Kansas alone, 21 localities have enacted Tobacco 21 ordinances, as of August 15, 2018. The report details each localities path to the passage of a Tobacco 21 law, as well as communities that are
actively exploring the law. The Topeka ordinance was challenged after it's initial passage last December and will appear in the State Supreme Court. Oral Health Kansas recently signed on to the amicus brief drafted by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids that highlights the health benefits of this policy. Kansas Health Institute's full report can be found here.

Preparation begins for November 6 election

The election is just around the corner and you need to be prepared for the voting booth on November 6th! There are several big races this year that make your voice important to be heard! If you're unsure you can make it to the voting booth on November 6th, consider advance voting. With advance voting, any registered voter can vote by mail or in person before election day. Get your advanced voting application here to vote by mail. To advance vote in person, contact your local election office.

Here are some important 2018 Election Advance Voting Dates

**October**
- Tuesday, October 16 - Last day to register to vote before the general election. Register here.
- Wednesday, October 17 - First day advance ballots are mailed. In person advance voting may begin.
- Tuesday, October 30 - Deadline for voters to apply for advance voting ballots to be mailed for general election.

**November**
- Monday, November 5 - Noon deadline to cast advance voting ballots in person.
- Tuesday, November 6 (General Election Day) - Mailed advance voting ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day. You can also vote in person today!

Kansas Oral Health Connections (KOHC) led a Take20 for the Oral Health 2020 Network last Tuesday, September 11th. The Take20, a short 20 minute presentation, highlighted the collaborative work they are doing in Kansas and how they’ve formed a stronger team over the years.

KOHC's core partners are Oral Health Kansas, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, Kansas Dental Association,

Watch their full presentation [here](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU9-19.html).

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**Reserve a Sugary Drink Display Today!**

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 up to a month. The adult drink display visited the Topeka and Shawnee County Public library (picture shown).

**Please note requests made 30 days or less may not be filled.** To learn more about our Sugary Drink Display click [here](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU9-19.html)!