



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS
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When the COVID-19 crisis hit, Oral Health Kansas responded, and we keep on responding.

- We created a consumer guide to understanding how and when to access dental care during the coronavirus crisis when 95% of Kansas dental offices are closed or offering only emergency services. It is available in both [Spanish](#) and [English](#).
- We are providing regular updates about state and national oral health coronavirus recommendations through special email alerts, weekly e-newsletter stories, social media posts, and website notices.
- We are sharing educational resources for families to use at home to make sure they take good care of their oral health during the stay at home order.
- We created [an on-line version](#) of our acid attack demonstration to help families learn how to stay healthy at home.
- We successfully advocated with Governor Laura Kelly's office and the Division of Health Care Finance to authorize and reimburse the use of telehealth technology for dental services during the COVID-19 crisis.
- We are connecting with fellow small business owners to share the resources and information needed to apply for Small Business loans.
- We successfully advocated with the Kansas Dental Board to allow flexibility in licensure exam methods for this year's dental and dental hygiene school graduates to ensure they can enter Kansas dental network as soon as possible.
- We quickly compiled and released guidance for dental professionals from both state and national partners, following Governor Laura Kelly's plan to re-open Kansas, allowing many dental offices to open on May 4th.
- We developed a consumer guide to the dental office after the COVID-19 crisis to help consumers understand the new changes they may see at their first dental appointment following the pandemic. The guide is currently available in English with a Spanish version coming soon!

Oral Health Kansas will continue to respond daily to consumer and provider questions and concerns. Please contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org or 785-235-6039 if Oral Health Kansas can help address your concerns or develop a resource to help keep you, your family, and/or your practice safe and healthy.