



COVID-19 Guidance and Updates for Nursing Homes and Adult Care Homes

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Today's presentation is being recorded.

Recording will be available at:

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-guidance-for-long-term-care-facilities/>



Introductions

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Questions, Discussion, Monthly Updates
- COVID-19 Updates
- SCHED NP/Saliva Testing/Antigen Test Kits (Rapid Tests)
- CMS and KDADS Testing/Reporting Requirements
- COVID-19 Vaccine Updates
- SC EOC/KDEM (PPE Stopgap Program and N95 Decontamination)
- Sedgwick County Phase 2 Metrics
- CMS/KDADS Compassionate Care, Indoor, Outdoor, Window Visitation
- Q & A with Presenters/Resources



Questions & Discussion

Following the presentation, everyone will have an opportunity for comments, conversations and Q/A.

Please submit your questions to the chat box.



Monthly Meetings

This forum allows Sedgwick County to:

- Provide updates
- Maintain ongoing contact
- Be responsive to needs of Nursing Homes and Adult Care Homes

Partners are invited to submit topic ideas/best practices for monthly meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for: **May 28, 2021, 2 – 3 p.m.**



COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 Updates

32,290,175 cases in United States (JH / 04-30-2021)

309,130 cases in Kansas (KDHE / 04-30-2021)

47,173 cases in Sedgwick County (SC Data DB / 04-29-2021)

611 deaths in Sedgwick County (SC Data DB / 04-29-2021)

88 total adult care home clusters and **8** active cases



COVID-19 Testing Services

SCHD

**Nasopharyngeal Specimen (NP)
Saliva Testing
for
Adult Care Homes**



COVID-19 Testing Services

Adult care home staff can receive no-cost, walk-in testing through SCHED at Sedgwick County Park - Sunflower Shelter:

6501 W. 21st St, Wichita (*closest to 13th St. entrance*)

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon

No appointment needed, first come, first serve

- Test results are generally available within **12-24 hours**.
- If staff or resident tests positive, other staff and residents in the facility should be tested per SCHED and KDHE recommendations.



COVID-19 Testing Services

Sedgwick County residents, with or without symptoms, can receive no-cost, walk-in testing through SCHED at Sedgwick County Park - Sunflower Shelter:

- **6501 W. 21st St., Wichita** (*closest to 13th St. entrance*)
 - **Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon**
 - *No appointment needed, first come, first served*
- County residents without symptoms can be tested once.
- Test results are generally available within **12-24 hours**.



COVID-19 Testing Services

The procedure for **COVID-19 testing of Long-Term Care Facility Employees** can be viewed at:

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/testing-information/covid-19-testing-for-long-term-care-facility-employees/>



COVID-19 Testing Services

Sedgwick County Health Department has a large supply of antigen test kits (rapid tests) available upon request.

If interested, please email Susan Lee at: Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov

- Quantity requested (20 tests per kit)
- Name of person picking up
- Date and time of pickup

Please refer to KDHE guidance:

- Guidance for the use and interpretation of SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests
<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1695/Antigen-Testing-PDF-12-22-2020>
- KS COVID-19 Online Reporting Portal User Guide <https://www.communitycareks.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/KDHE-Reporting-Portal-User-Guide.pdf>



CMS and KDADS COVID-19 Testing Requirements



Nursing Facility/Adult Care Home Testing

Presently, *routine testing intervals* must continue for staff who have received the COVID-19 vaccination according to CMS and KDADS guidance:

- Testing of staff and residents with COVID-19 symptoms or signs
- Testing of staff and residents in response to an outbreak
- Routine testing of staff based on county positivity rate



CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

Interim Final Rule (IFC), **CMS-3401-IFC**, established as Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to:

- Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements
- Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>



CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

CDC Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care (POC) and Rapid Testing (updated 03-12-2021)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/point-of-care-testing.html>

- Regulatory Requirements for POC Testing
- Who can do POC testing?
 - Sites that perform POC testing are required to have a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certificate.



KDADS Nursing Facilities – Use KDHE Positivity Rate

KDADS guidance issued October 27, 2020, requires nursing facilities to use the two-week county positivity rate published by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) at:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

- The testing positivity rate by county is found by clicking the box labeled:
COVID-19 Metrics



Nursing Facility Testing – KDHE Positivity Rate

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Positivity Rate for Sedgwick County: **4.2 %**

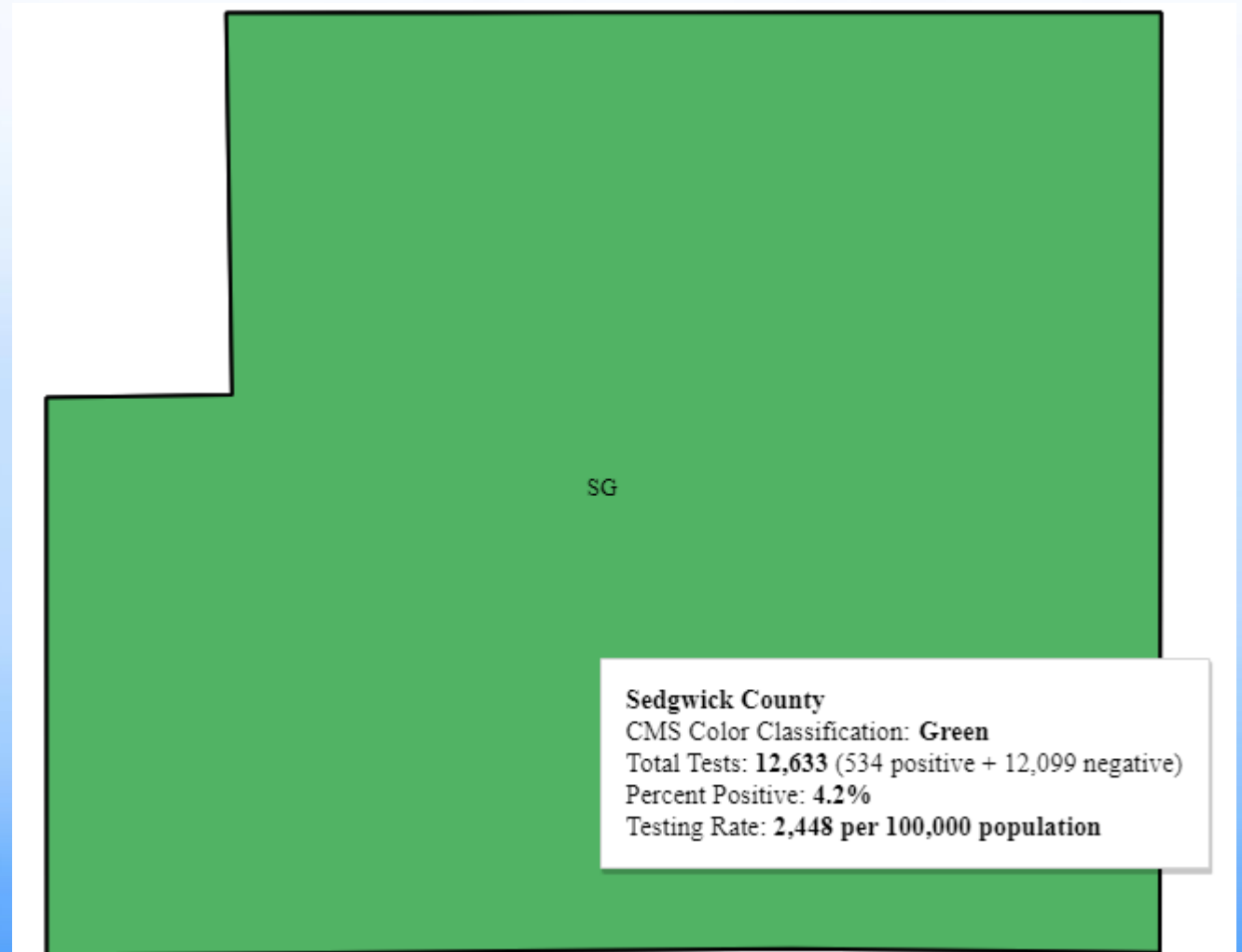
Current Rolling 14-Day Period:

Starting 04-11-2021

Ending 04-24-2021

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

[select COVID-19 Metrics]





COVID-19 Testing and Reporting – CMS Funded Facilities

KDHE opened reporting portal for mandated facilities via BINAX rapid test. [<https://diseasereporting.kdhe.ks.gov/>]

If facility is CMS funded and if test is positive, then individual must be NP tested within **48 hours**.



CMS Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes



Nursing Home CMS Reporting Requirements

All COVID-19 testing results are required to be reported.

- All **point-of-care** and **send out specimens** are required to be reported in the KDHE reporting portal:

<https://diseasereporting.kdhe.ks.gov/>

KDHE reports to CMS are sent on behalf of Nursing Homes.

- All results are available to local health departments.

Facilities with questions may contact KDHE at:

kdhe.EpiHotline@ks.gov



COVID-19 Vaccine



COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance

COVID-19 vaccine administration for new residents, facilities may contact:

- Initial CVS or Walgreens that held clinics at their location.
- Other locally enrolled, approved pharmacy partners for vaccination clinics at their sites.



COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance - Pharmacy Partnership

Facilities wanting assistance partnering with a pharmacy for vaccines may contact SCHD:

MedDistribution@Sedgwick.gov



SCHD COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Staff from nursing and adult care homes may schedule a vaccine appointment online at:

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/vaccine>

Staff may opt to walk-in to the vaccination clinic at 223 S. Main with no appointment. (Currently, appointments are needed for J&J vaccine.)



COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

Facilities wanting to serve as vaccine providers may review
**KDHE CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider
Agreement** at:

<https://kanphix.kdhe.state.ks.us/KDHECDCCovidVaccineEnroll/>

For questions, call or email:

1-877-296-0464 or kdhe.COVIDenrollment@ks.gov



COVID-19 Services

REQUESTING and ORDERING PPE and N95 Respirators



KDADS K.S.A. 39-923

Facilities licensed by Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) may request/order PPE through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) Business PPE Stopgap Program.

● nursing facility	● nursing facility for mental health
● assisted living facility	● residential healthcare facility
● home plus	● intermediate care facility for people with intellectual disability
● adult day care facility	● boarding care home



COVID-19 PPE Services

Before ordering PPE from **KDEM**, facility must try to order direct from vendor(s) or the South Central Regional Healthcare Coalition.

If unable to purchase due to shipping delay or out of stock, facility can order through **KDEM Business PPE Stopgap application:**

<https://kdem.kansasgis.org/businessPPE>

KDEM requires evidence of unsuccessful PPE order.

- Attach “Proof of Denial” documentation indicating your facility unsuccessfully attempted to order PPE from other vendors.
- Documentation includes copies of purchase orders, invoices or remittances and states PPE is delayed or on back order.



COVID-19 PPE Services

PPE supported through the **PPE Stopgap Program** includes:

- Masks and face shields
- Gowns and coveralls
- Other PPE-related requirements, such as gloves



COVID-19 PPE Services

Important Exception:

Private business or organization with immediate need of PPE for emergency life-safety measures will still be able to order those supplies through **Sedgwick County Emergency Management's logistics team:**

- **HOWEVER**, there is no longer a Resource Request Form on our website, so send an email to Logistics@sedgwick.gov
- Tell us what items you need. BE SURE to include an explanation of urgent circumstances and your contact information.
- If we have questions, we'll contact you. We will fill what we can from stock on hand, and order the rest from the state.



COVID-19 PPE Services

First responders and government agencies continue to order PPE through **Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center** (SC EOC)

NEW Shopping Cart Ordering System – If you don't already have a login account, fill out the PPE *account-request form* at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/7232e802cc7b463585bfc2b1ee7d7963>

Direct questions to:

- **KDEM** (use email at the end of the PPE Stopgap Program application)
- **SC EOC:** logistics@Sedgwick.gov



COVID-19 N95 Respirators

The domestic supply of N95 respirators continues to increase, so the FDA has recommended moving away from crisis conservation tactics, and to use new masks, rather than continuing to decontaminate old ones.

If your vendor's supply hasn't caught up, you may be eligible to get N95's from the Healthcare Coalition, the state's Stopgap Program, or the EOC.

Reference: FDA Recommends Transition from Use of Decontaminated Disposable Respirators - Letter to Health Care Personnel and Facilities

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/fda-recommends-transition-use-decontaminated-disposable-respirators-letter-health-care-personnel-and>



Sedgwick County

is in

- **Phase 2 for Metrics**
- **Phases 1-5 for COVID-19
Vaccination Prioritization**



Sedgwick County - Phase 2

Metrics place Sedgwick County in Phase 2 -- Percent Positive 4.1%

Recovery Metrics	Two-week Trend	Baseline before Ad Astra*		Ad Astra Phase 1		Ad Astra Phase 1.5	Ad Astra Phase 2*		Ad Astra Phase 3			Ad Astra Phase 2*									
		Week 1 (3/15 - 3/21)	Week 7 (4/26 - 5/2)	Week 1 (5/3 - 5/9)	Week 2 (5/10 - 5/16)	Week 1 (5/17 - 5/23)	Week 1 (5/24 - 5/30)	Week 7 (7/5 - 7/11)	Week 1 (7/12 - 7/18)	Week 2 (7/19 - 7/25) **	Week 1 (7/26 - 8/1) **	Week 30 (2/14 - 2/20) **	Week 31 (2/21 - 2/27) **	Week 32 (2/28 - 3/6) **	Week 33 (3/7 - 3/13) **	Week 34 (3/14 - 3/20)	Week 35 (3/21 - 3/27)	Week 36 (3/28 - 4/3)	Week 37 (4/4 - 4/10) **	Week 38 Numbers Subject to change (4/11 - 4/17)	Week 39 Numbers Subject to change (4/18 - 4/24)
New Deaths	Stable	0	5	10	2	1	0	2	3	6	7	12**	8	6	6	1	6**	2	1	2**	0
New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Cases per 100,000 SG Residents ††	Increasing	0.4	17.8	7.8	12.0	6.4	8.7	126.2	134.7	149.6	135.3	82.6	64.7	52.7	39.1	27.9	35.3	33.9	45.7	47.1	55.6
New Cases	Increasing	2	92	40	62	33	45	651	695	772	698	426	334	272	202	144	182	175	236	243	287
New Non-Cluster Cases	Increasing	2	43	28	8	30	45	628	656	698	628	416	316	265	196	141	180	173	229	223	270
New Community Disease**** Cases	Increasing	2	56	33	16	32	45	649	674	747	653	422	330	271	202	143	182	175	235	240	286
New Community Disease**** Cases per 100,000 SG Residents ††	Increasing	0.4	10.9	6.4	3.1	6.2	8.7	125.8	130.6	144.8	126.5	81.8	63.9	52.5	39.1	27.7	35.3	33.9	45.5	46.5	55.4
New Tests	Decreasing	163	1246	2217	2698	3179	2375	5414	5535	5775	6064	10171	11845	11142	9039	7132	6249	6265	7259	7798	7079
New Tests per 100,000 SG Residents ††	Decreasing	185	241	430	523	616	460	1049	1073	1119	1175	1971	2295	2159	1752	1382	1211	1214	1407	1511	1372
New Cases Percent Positive (New case/New Tests)	Increasing	1.2%	7.4%	1.8%	2.3%	1.0%	1.9%	12.0%	12.6%	13.4%	11.5%	4.2%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%	2.0%	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%	3.1%	4.1%
New Community Disease Percent Positive (community disease/new test)	Increasing	1.2%	4.5%	1.5%	0.6%	1.0%	1.9%	12.0%	12.2%	12.9%	10.8%	4.1%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%	2.0%	2.9%	2.8%	3.2%	3.1%	4.0%

* Weeks 2 through 6 on Baseline before Ad Astra (March-April), Weeks 2 through 6 from Ad Astra Phase 2 (May-July), and Week 2 through Week 29 from Ad Astra Phase 2 (August-January) due to space constraints

**Due to lag in reporting, positive tests and COVID-19 deaths from these weeks were added on 4/26 and 4/29.

***Community disease excludes contained cluster cases (i.e., long-term care and correctional facility residents).

† Hospital admission data are under review and will be updated soon.

†† Data has been updated to reflect the 2019 Census estimation population data



Sedgwick County - Phase 2

Metrics are updated weekly at:

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-metrics/>

COVID-19 Metrics Chart: Sedgwick County Residents - March 15, 2020, through April 24, 2021

- KDHE metrics are in blue shading. This table is published on Mondays and Fridays.
- Because numbers are reported by test day and tests are sent to SCHD from different days, numbers can change from report to report.
- Most change occurs in the two most recent weeks.
- Deaths are reported by the date the patient died.



Updates on Visitation

Annette Graham

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- will present updates on visitation -



CMS and KDADS - Visitation Guidance for Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes

Visitation incorporates person-centered approach and adheres to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention.



Visitation Guidance

In keeping with a person-centered approach, facilities follow KDADS visitation guidance:

- Assess residents' visitation preferences
- Document responses onto a **Resident Visitation Preferences** questionnaire for each resident.

KDADS created a template to assist facilities in collecting this information. The template is available at: https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/hoc/resident-visitation-preferences.pdf?sfvrsn=8e390eee_2



Visitation Guidance

Following CMS and KDADS guidance

- CMS visitation guidance for nursing facilities (QSO-20-39-NH, **REVISED** April 27, 2021):

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-visitation-nursing-home-residents.pdf>

- KDADS Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Settings, **March 15, 2021** (Assisted Living, Board Care Home, Home Plus, Nursing Facility and Residential Health Care Facilities):

https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/ach-data/visitation/long-term-care-visitation-guidance-update-3-15-21.pdf?sfvrsn=84360eee_4

Per KDADS guidance, facilities should consult with state/local health departments (SCHD) when an outbreak is identified.

- To ensure adherence to infection control precautions
- For recommendations to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission



Visitation Guidance

Guidance applies even if all staff and residents in a facility are fully vaccinated, as vaccines are not 100% effective.

CMS and KDADS: Fully vaccinated refers to a person who is:

- ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or
- ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine, per the CDC's Public Health Recommendations for Vaccinated Persons



KDADS – County Positivity Rate Guidance

Facilities use the **KDHE two-week county positivity rate:**

- For indoor visitation
- When making facility re-opening and visitation plans

Select COVID-19 Metrics:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

SCHD Epidemiology will review facilities' *new or revised* re-opening and visitation plans with a 5-day review period.

- Email plans to Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov



KDADS – Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Settings

Guidelines apply to all long-term care settings, including: nursing facility, assisted living, board care home, home plus, residential health care facilities.

Types of visitation include:

- Indoor } During Low and Medium positivity rates and according to facilities' environment and residents' needs
 - Compassionate Care
 - Outdoor
 - Window
- During Low, Medium and High Positivity Rates



KDADS – Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Settings

Low (<5%) or Green*

Medium (5% – 10%) or Yellow*



Visitation should occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (*beyond compassionate care visits*)

High (>10%) or Red* = Visitation should only occur for compassionate care situations according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies

*Corresponds to Green, Yellow and Red on the KDHE county positivity rate:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas> (select COVID-19 Metrics)



Visitation Guidance

CDC Guidance on reducing risk and preventing spread of COVID-19:

- CDC Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-home-long-term-care.html>
- CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes & Long-Term Care Facilities
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>
- CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>
- CDC Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>



Visitation Guidance

Conduct in manner to increase prevention measures and reduce COVID-19 transmission

- Screen all visitors for symptoms of COVID-19, includes temperature check
- Residents and visitors wear a cloth face covering or facemask for the duration of their visit
- Perform hand hygiene (e.g., use alcohol-based hand rub upon entry)
- Provide sufficient space
- Practice social distancing (fully vaccinated residents may chose to have social contact- the resident and visitor are required to wear masks and perform hand hygiene before and after the visit)



Visitation Guidance

When county positivity rate exceeds **10%**, indoor visitations

- Not allowed except for Compassionate Care

CMS - No new, nursing home onset COVID-19 cases in the nursing home for 28 days

KDADS - No new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and the facility is not currently conducting outbreak testing



Visitation Guidance

Limit indoor visitation for:

- Unvaccinated residents
 - COVID-19 county positivity rate is >10% *and*
 - Fewer than 70% of residents in the facility are fully vaccinated
- Vaccinated or unvaccinated residents:
 - With confirmed COVID-19 infection until they meet the criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions
 - When in quarantine for exposure to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case until they meet criteria for release from quarantine



Visitation Guidance

During outbreak testing when **indoor visitation** *should be suspended*:

- **Visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases** if the first round of outbreak testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas.
- **Visitation should be suspended on the affected unit** until meeting criteria to discontinue outbreak testing. For example:
 - If the first round of outbreak testing reveals two more COVID-19 cases in the same unit as the original case, but not in other units, **visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases**.
- **Visitation should be suspended for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated)**, until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing. For example:
 - If the first round of outbreak testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units of the facility (e.g., new cases in two or more units), **then facilities should suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing**.



Visitation Guidance

CMS and KDADS guidance discuss **outdoor visitation**.

- May be limited by weather, resident's health status, facility's outbreak status
- Ensure adequate staffing and infection control and maintain visual observation with a degree of privacy
- KDADS allows for children/pets to be in control of adult who brings them



Visitation Guidance

KDADS guidance discusses **window visitation**. During any

- County positivity rate
- Vaccination status

Decide whether a window visit is the right fit for the resident.

- Facilitate visit: ensure resident is aware, have adequate staffing and technology to ensure safe visitation and clear communication.
- Safety measures:
 - For open window, ensure 3 feet of space between window and resident/visitor.
 - For vaccinated resident, they can choose to have close contact with/touch visitor.



Visitation Guidance

For indoor Compassionate Care visits:

- During any phase and positivity rate
- Facilities determine when Compassionate Care visits are appropriate
- Includes, but is not limited to:
 - The resident is in hospice care.
 - The resident's illness/disease is worsening or life threatening.
 - The resident is exhibiting significant decline physically or mentally.
 - The resident is withdrawing, no longer eating, showing signs of significant depression as a result of loss of contact with family members.



KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

- Guide for family members and residents on what to expect when visiting
- Visitation according to facilities' environment and residents' needs
- Follow strict protocols on reducing risk and preventing spread of COVID-19

https://www.kdads.ks.gov/images/default-source/ach-covid/new-visitation-guidelines-what-to-expect-now.jpg?sfvrsn=185101ee_0

New Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines: What to Expect When You Visit

A guide for residents and families at nursing facilities in Kansas implement new guidance for visitation released September 17, 2020. By the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Senior Services, and the Director of Health Services, to address psychosocial needs.

Communication Is Key.

Your loved one has the right to visitors. The facility can limit access to protect your loved one and other residents. This balance is difficult, requiring close cooperation between families and friends of residents and the facility administrators.



First Steps.

- Call ahead and talk to the administration of the facility where your loved one lives:
- Ask about their plan to reopen to visitors
 - What kind of visits can happen and how - indoor, outdoor?



Visit Protocols.

- Visitation can be conducted differently based on the facility's environment and residents' needs. For example, visits could take place in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, and for circumstances beyond compassionate care situations. Regardless of how visits are conducted, there are certain core principles and best practices facilities should implement to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, such as:
- Screening visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (temperature checks, questions about symptoms) and denial of entry for those with signs or symptoms
 - Hand hygiene
 - Face covering or mask
 - Social distancing at least 6 feet between persons
 - Appropriate full use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Resident and staff testing as required by CMS guidelines

Outdoor Visits.

While taking a person-centered approach and adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, CMS prefers outdoor visitation that can be conducted in a manner that reduces the risk of transmission whenever practical. Outdoor visits pose a lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow.



Indoor Visits.

Facilities in counties with low community prevalence rates (10% or less) would accommodate and support indoor visitation, including visits for reasons beyond compassionate care situations, based on the following guidelines:

- No new onset of COVID-19 cases in the facility in the last 14 days and not currently conducting outbreak testing
- Visitors are able to adhere to core principles and staff are monitoring for those who have difficulty adhering to core principles, such as children
- Limit the number of visitors per resident at one time and limit the total number of visitors in the facility at one time (based on the size of the building and physical space)
- Limit movement in the facility

Compassionate Care Visits.

Allowing a visit in these situations would be consistent with the intent of compassionate care situations:

- A recently admitted resident who was living with their family before struggling with the change in environment and lack of physical family support
- A resident who is grieving after a friend or family member recently passed away
- A resident who needs cueing and encouragement with eating or drinking, previously provided by family and/or caregiver(s), is experiencing weight loss or dehydration
- A resident who used to talk and interact with others, is experiencing emotional distress, isolation, spending too much time in their room



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Guidance Document [CS-20-28-NH]



Visitation Guidance

Visitors with subsequent illness within **7 days** of the visit should report their illness to the nursing facility and/or the adult care home and to the Sedgwick County Health Department.



COVID-19

Quarantine Guidance



COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance

Neither **CMS** nor **KDADS** requires residents to quarantine upon returning if they leave the facility for an appointment or an outing.

KDHE Isolation and Quarantine, Frequently Asked Questions, specifies an exception to quarantine for vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings following an exposure:

- Vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- If the exposed person becomes symptomatic, they should be tested via PCR or antigen test.

KDHE Isolation and Quarantine, Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/134/Isolation--Quarantine-Guidance-and-FAQs-PDF---3-15-21?bidId=>



RESOURCES



RESOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Coronavirus

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/coronavirus>

Kansas Department of Health and Environment <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/>

Kansas Division of Emergency Management https://www.kansastag.gov/kdem_default.asp

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services <https://www.kdads.ks.gov>

Sedgwick County Health Department <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/>

Central Plains Area Agency on Aging <https://www.cpaaa.org/coronavirus-resources>

Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages (*updated March 10, 2021*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/mitigating-staff-shortages.html>



COVID-19

Testing and Reporting

References



Nursing Facility/Adult Care Home Testing

CMS certified Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements for Staff and Residents (pertains to those facilities that must comply with **QSO-20-38-NH**).

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>

Executive Order 21-15: KDADS licensed Adult Care Home Testing Requirements for Staff and Residents (pertains to state licensed facilities per KS.A. 39-923(a)).

<https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/EO-21-15-Executed.pdf>



KDADS Nursing Facility - Kansas COVID-19 Unified Testing Strategy/Report

KDADS Long-term Care Testing Strategy (Kansas COVID-19 Unified Testing Strategy):

<https://www.kdads.ks.gov/ltc-covid-19-testing-strategy>

KDADS Long Term Care: COVID 19 Testing Status Report is published and updated at:

https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/ach-data/testing-strategy/testing-status-report-4-7-21.pdf?sfvrsn=490a0eee_2



COVID-19 Vaccine References



COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

More information on provider enrollment through KDHE may be found in the **Kansas COVID-19 Vaccination Plan**, Section 5: COVID-19 Provider Recruitment and Enrollment (pages 20-21)

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1533/COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan-for-Kansas-Version12-1142020?bidId=>

Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment FAQs

<https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/119/COVID-19-Provider-Enrollment-FAQs---10282020-PDF>



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination – CDC Guidance

Facilities wanting to participate directly with the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination may review CDC guidance:

- Understanding the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination (4/12/2021): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/index.html>
- Pharmacies Participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program (4/23/2021): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html>
- Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership Program for COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs (4/12/2021): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/faqs.html>



CDC COVID-19 Vaccine References

Ensuring Access to COVID-19 Vaccine in Long-Term Care Facilities <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-access.html>

Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/index.html>

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program for COVID-19 Vaccination FAQs <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships-faqs.html>

What Long-Term Care Facility Residents Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccination <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/LTCF-residents.html>

Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Data for Long-Term Care Facilities <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/distributing/long-term-care-facility-vaccination-data.html>

What Healthcare Personnel Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/hcp.html>

Postvaccination SARS-CoV-2 Infections Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents and Staff Members — Chicago, Illinois, December 2020–March 2021 https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7017e1.htm?s_cid=mm7017e1_x

COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a SARS-CoV-2 R.1 Lineage Variant in a Skilled Nursing Facility After Vaccination Program — Kentucky, March 2021 <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7017e2-H.pdf>



RESOURCES

Past webinars presented to Long-Term Care Facilities and Adult Care Homes may be viewed on the *Sedgwick County COVID-19 Resource webpage*:

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-guidance-for-long-term-care-facilities/>



RESOURCES

Facilities having follow-up questions or comments may email them to:

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**This concludes today's presentation.
Thank you for participating.**

Next is Q&A



Questions?

Participants' questions asked in the chat box will be answered by presenters.

Next Webinar

May 28, 2021 – 2 to 3 p.m.