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# UPDATES

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

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Today's presentation  
is being recorded.





# Agenda

- Introductions
- Questions & Discussion
- Monthly Updates
- COVID-19 Updates/Services (Testing, PPE, N95)
- CMS Testing/Reporting Requirements
- Local Health Officer Emergency Public Health Order
  - Sedgwick County Phase 2
- Compassionate Care & CMS Mandates NF Visitations
- Q & A with presenters/resources



# Introductions

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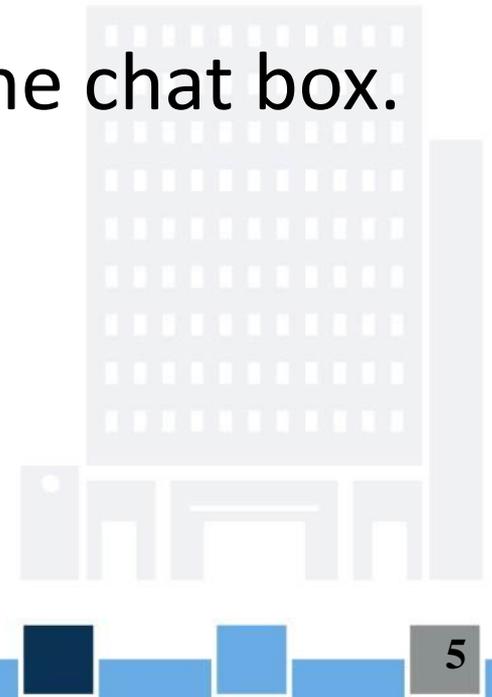
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# Questions & Discussion

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

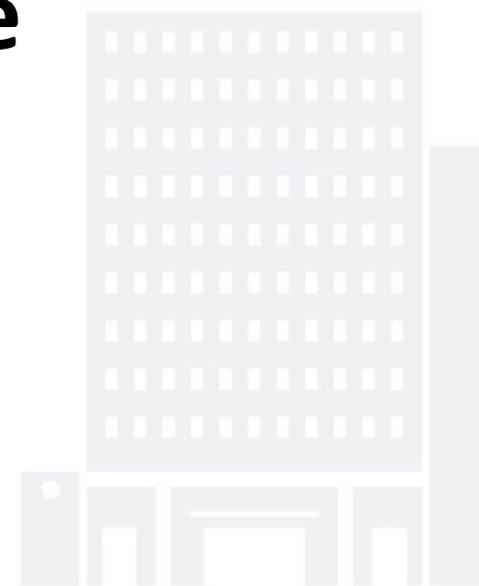
Partners are invited to submit topics ideas/best practices for monthly meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for: **October 20, 2020**



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# COVID-19 Update



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# COVID-19 Updates

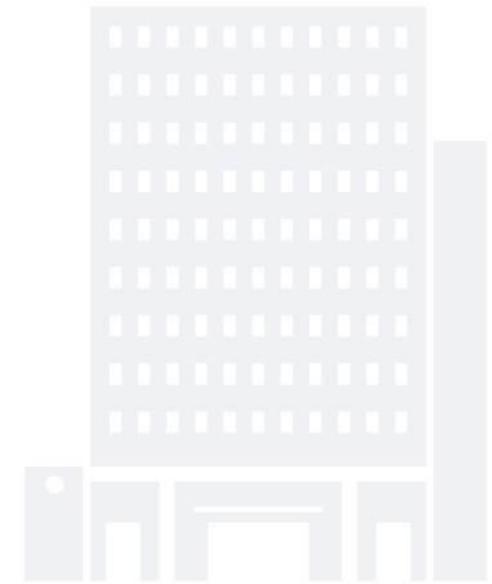
- 6,557,802** cases in United States (JH / 09-15-2020)
- 49,899** cases in Kansas (KDHE / 09-15-2020)
- 7,695** cases in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 09-15-2020)
- 69** deaths in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 09-15-2020)
  
- 24** total adult care home clusters and **191** active cases



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# COVID-19 Services

## TESTING



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# CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

CMS requires skilled nursing facilities to test staff and residents.

- Frequency based on Sedgwick County positivity rate:
  - Use % **POSITIVE** on the Sedgwick County recovery metrics:

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# CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

Interim Final Rule (IFC), CMS-3401-IFC,  
Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in  
Response to the COVID-19 Public Health  
Emergency related to Long-Term Care (LTC)  
Facility Testing Requirements and Revised  
COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool:

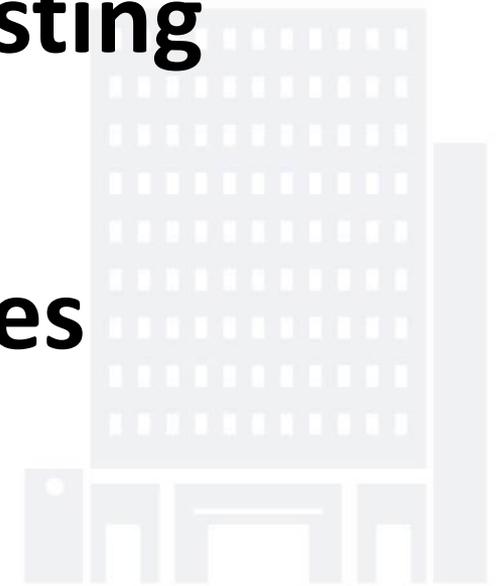
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# COVID-19 Testing Services

## SCHD Nasal Specimen Testing for Adult Care Homes





# COVID-19 Testing Services

Adult care home staff can be tested weekly through SCHED by calling United Way of the Plains at 2-1-1 for an appointment.

If staff or resident tests positive, everyone in the facility is tested.

Test results can take 5-7 business days.



# COVID-19 Testing Services

Step 1 registration at Clinical Reference Laboratory (CRL) via this link:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5833896/LTC-Reg-Form>

SCHD will provide NP swabs and/or saliva testing per CMS guidelines.



# CMS Reporting Requirements for Nursing Homes





# Nursing Home CMS Reporting Requirements

All testing results are required to be reported.

- All point-of-care and send out specimens are required to be reported.

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](mailto:kdhe.EpiHotline@ks.gov)



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# COVID-19 Services

## **REQUESTING and ORDERING PPE and N95 Respirator Decontamination Process**



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# KDADS

## K.S.A. 39-923

Facilities licensed by Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services may request/order PPE through the State's PPE 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

Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) launched the **Business Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Stopgap Program** effective September 14, 2020.

Through this program, KDEM will provide PPE to businesses experiencing delays in purchased equipment.



# COVID-19 PPE Services

New PPE rules through KDEM:

- Facilities will get PPE directly from the state (KDEM)
- First responders and government agencies continue to order PPE through Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center (SC EOC)

Direct questions to:

- KDEM (use email at the end of the PPE Stopgap Program application)

- SC EOC: [logistics@Sedgwick.gov](mailto:logistics@Sedgwick.gov)



# COVID-19 PPE Services

PPE supported through the PPE Stopgap Program include:

- Masks and face shields
- Gowns and coveralls are available to healthcare-related businesses
- Other PPE-related requirements





# COVID-19 PPE Services

Before ordering PPE from KDEM, facility must try to order direct from vendor(s).

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

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



# COVID-19 PPE Services

## Business PPE Stopgap Program

Please fill out this survey only if you have initiated a purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your business and the delivery of that PPE is significantly delayed and you need a temporary supply of PPE to cover your needs prior to your order being delivered. Please note, filling out this survey does not guarantee availability of PPE.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a business owned and/or operated in the state of Kansas.
- Business must be in good standing with the Kansas Department of Revenue.
- Must already have ordered PPE that is on back-order or delayed delivery.

### PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

- Gloves are not supported.
- Limited models of respirators available.
- Delayed/backordered purchase orders will be supported once up to 30-days.

Questions pertaining to this program may be directed to:  
**BusinessPPE.KDEM@gmail.com**

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# COVID-19 PPE Services

## Evidence of Unsuccessful PPE Order

**KDEM** requires evidence of unsuccessful PPE order.

- Attach documentation demonstrating that your facility unsuccessfully attempted to order PPE from other supply channels.
- Documentation includes copies of purchase orders, invoices or remittances and states PPE is delayed or on back order.



# 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 KDEM normal channels:

- Fill out the resource request form
- Send form to KDEM Logistics team



# COVID-19 PPE Services

An example of an Important Exception:

- Facility identified an outbreak and needed certain supplies NOW.
- In such instances, facility would NOT be expected to provide 'proof of denial' in order to get supplies.
- Facility would need to explain the circumstances that make it an urgent need.



# COVID-19 N95 Services Decontamination

## **N95 Respirator Decontamination Program:**

Healthcare facilities will begin submitting **N95 Respirator** decontamination services directly to Battelle: <https://www.battelle.org/gf/ccds-client-logistics>

Participation in this program is still at “no cost” to facilities.



# COVID-19 N95 Services Decontamination

The Battelle site in Topeka is scheduled to close at the end of September 2020.

Facilities will submit Battelle N95 respirator for decontamination services at the Muskogee, OK site in a “seamless” transition:

- Print overnight shipping label from Battelle shipping portal: <https://www.battelle.org/gf/ccds-client-logistics>
- Use same contract and site code currently using



# COVID-19 N95 Services Decontamination

Sedgwick County EOC will email facilities on distribution list, notifying them:

- Service site will change to Muskogee, OK (beginning October 2020)
- Shipping labels to be printed directly at Battelle web portal:

<https://www.battelle.org/gf/ccds-client-logistics>



# COVID-19 N95 Services Decontamination

N95 Respirators must be free of visual soiling / contamination or they cannot be decontaminated:

- Blood
- Bodily fluids
- Makeup
  - Staff should refrain from wearing makeup while wearing N95 Respirators to prevent contamination.



# COVID-19 N95 Services Decontamination

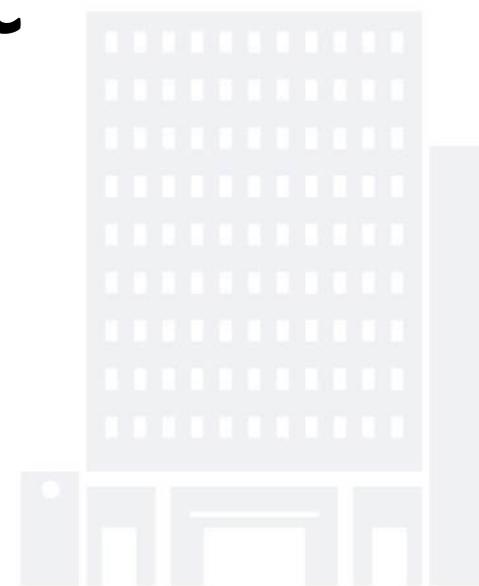
## Strategies for Optimizing Supplies of N95 Respirators for Healthcare Facilities in Kansas

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/129/Strategies-for-Optimizing-N95-Respirators-PDF---5-14-20?bidId>



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# Emergency Public Health Order



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# Local Health Officer Order

**Emergency Public Health Order** of the Sedgwick County Local Health Officer of September 17, 2020 – Mandatory Compliance

**Effective:** September 18, 2020, at 12:01 am

**Expires:** October 21, 2020, until at least midnight



# Emergency Public Health Order

Revised to further reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Some points in the Order include:

- Residents are still required to wear face coverings or masks in public spaces, inside and outside.
- The definition of “mask or other face covering” does not include a covering that is equipped with a one-way valve or vent through which air can be exhaled.
- Exemptions are included in the document.



# Emergency Public Health Order

Groups of up to 15 people are allowed:

- Those in groups must be from the same household or close acquaintances.
- If individuals cannot be at least six feet away, then the maximum number of people who can be together in groups is 15 individuals.



# Emergency Public Health Order

The Order adopts Phase 2.

- Determination of phase considers Sedgwick County positivity rate and other metrics.

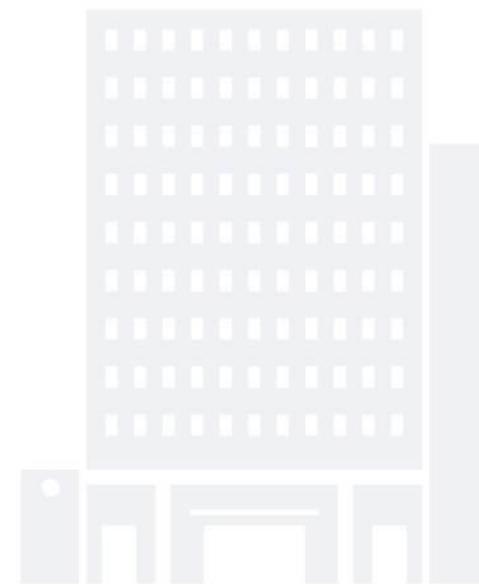
The complete Order can be read at:

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



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# **Sedgwick County is in Phase 2**



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# Sedgwick County Phase 2

## Metrics place Sedgwick County in Phase 2

| 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   |                   |                    |                    |                    |   |   |
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# Sedgwick County Phase 2

The metrics are updated weekly and available on the Sedgwick County COVID-19 Resource webpage:

*COVID-19 Community Recovery/Reopen Metrics among Sedgwick County Residents*

<https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid-19/recovery-and-reopening-businesses/>



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# Sedgwick County Phase 2

Compassionate Care survey with update by  
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## Phase 2

### Visits to adult care homes in Phase 2 :

- Outside visiting is allowed with all precautions: screening, cloth masks, social distancing, and proper hand sanitizing.
- Inside Compassionate Care visits are allowed:
  - Compassionate Care situations, and
  - Limited situations, which are not limited exclusively to end-of-life situations.



# Sedgwick County

## Phase 2

For outdoor and indoor visitations:

- Screen all visitors for symptoms of COVID-19,
- Practice social distancing,
- Perform hand hygiene (e.g., use alcohol-based hand rub upon entry), and
- Residents and visitors wear a cloth face covering or facemask for the duration of their visit.



# Sedgwick County

## Phase 2

For indoor Compassionate Care visits, nursing facilities and adult care homes determine when Compassionate Care visits are appropriate:

- The resident is in hospice care.
- The resident's illness/disease is worsening and 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.



# Sedgwick County Phase 2

Healthcare facilities should review CMS FAQs on Compassionate Care published June 23, 2020:  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-visitation-nursing-home-residents.pdf>

CMS issued new guidance that mandates nursing facilities to provide for visitation - (**QSO-20-39-NH**) on September 17, 2020:

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



# Sedgwick County Phase 2

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.

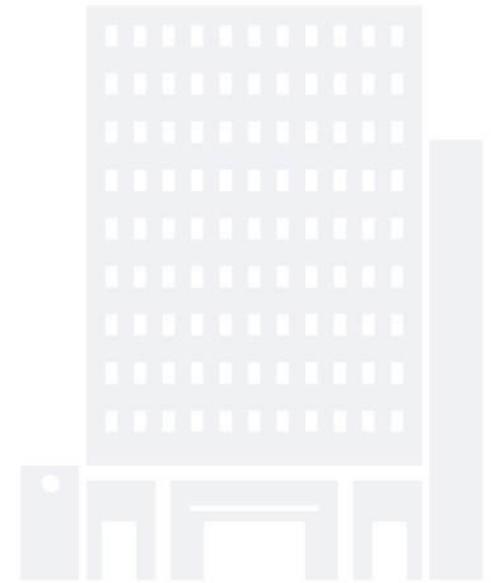


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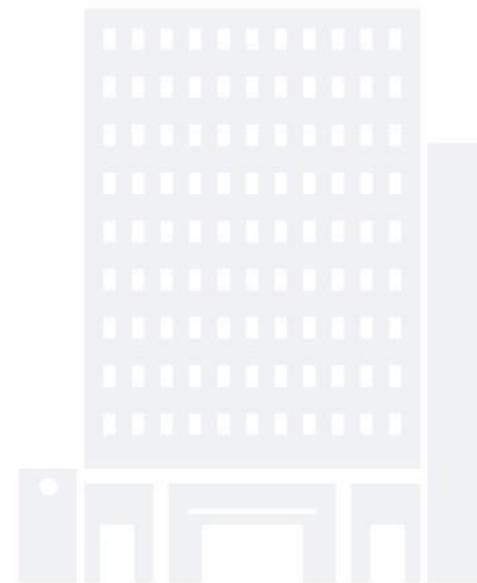
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# RESOURCES





# 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

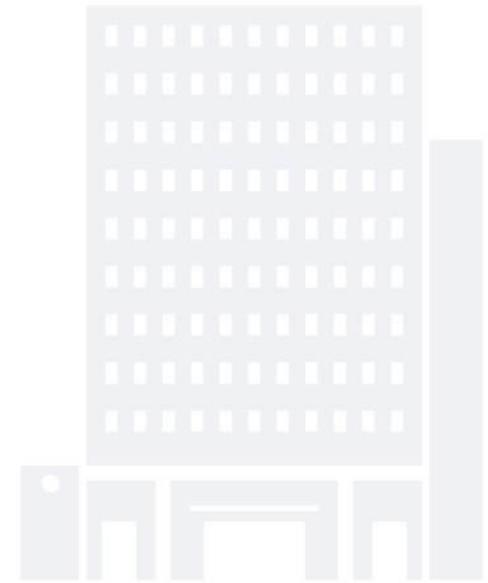
- <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/>

## Sedgwick County Health Department

- <https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/>

## Central Plains Area Agency on Aging

- <https://www.cpaaa.org/coronavirus-resources>





# 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:

Susan Lee, Information and Guidance Branch  
Coordinator COVID-19, Sedgwick County  
Health Department at:

[Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov](mailto:Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov)