



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

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**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
- SCHD COVID-19 Updates
- CMS Testing/Reporting Requirements – Nursing Homes
- Executive Order Testing/Documenting Requirements – Adult Care Homes
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- SC EOC/KDEM (PPE Stopgap Program and N95 Decontamination)
- Emergency Public Health Order
- 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 topics ideas/best practices for monthly meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for: **February 16, 2021**



# COVID-19 Update



# COVID-19 Updates

**22,620,333** cases in United States (JH / 01-12-2021)

**247,502** cases in Kansas (KDHE / 01-11-2021)

**35,392** cases in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 01-11-2021)

**309** deaths in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 01-11-2021)

**70** total adult care home clusters and **729** active cases



# COVID-19 Services

# TESTING



# Nursing Facility/Adult Care Home Testing

Presently, twice-weekly testing must continue for staff who have received the COVID-19 vaccination.



# CMS and EO Nursing Facility/Adult Care Home Testing

**CMS** requires skilled nursing facilities to test staff and residents (pertains to those facilities that must comply with QSO-20-38-NH).

**Executive Order 20-69**, December 9, 2020, requires adult care homes, subject to K.S.A. 39-923(a), to test staff and residents (pertains to state licensed facilities).

[https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EO-20-69-Adult-Care-Homes-Covid-Testing\\_Executed.pdf](https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EO-20-69-Adult-Care-Homes-Covid-Testing_Executed.pdf)



# 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

Interim Final Rule (IFC), **CMS-3401-IFC**, establishes

- 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

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



# EO - Adult Care Home Testing

Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-69 requires:

- 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

[https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EO-20-69-Adult-Care-Homes-Covid-Testing\\_Executed.pdf](https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EO-20-69-Adult-Care-Homes-Covid-Testing_Executed.pdf)



# CMS Nursing Facility Testing -

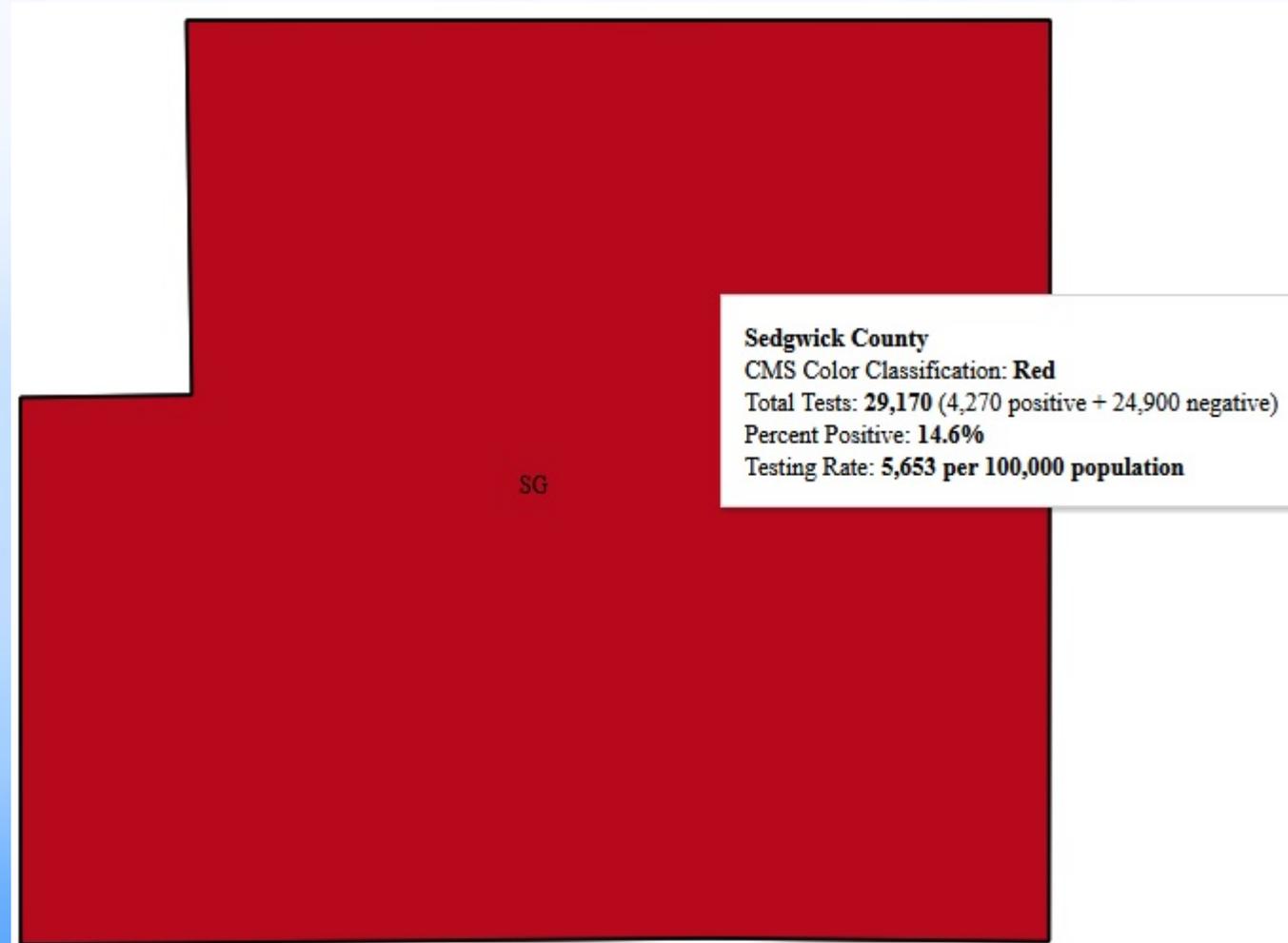
Kansas Department of Health and Environment Positivity Rate: 14.6 %

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

## Current Rolling 14-Day Period:

Starting 12/27/2020

Ending 01/09/2021





# CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

CDC Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care (POC) Testing  
*(updated 12-30-2020)*

<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.



# COVID-19 Testing Services

KDHE opened new 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**.



# KDADS Nursing Facility COVID-19 Testing Services

KDADS guidance issued October 27, 2020, requires nursing facilities to begin using 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:

**Nursing Home Metrics**



# KDADS Nursing Facility COVID-19 Testing Services

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 to be updated weekly at:

[https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/ach-data/testing-strategy/updated-testing-status-report-1-3-20.pdf?sfvrsn=6bf001ee\\_2](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/ach-data/testing-strategy/updated-testing-status-report-1-3-20.pdf?sfvrsn=6bf001ee_2)



# CDC Testing Guidance Updates

Testing Guidelines for Nursing Homes - Interim SARS-CoV-2 Testing Guidelines for Nursing Home Residents and Healthcare Personnel (*new January 7, 2021*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-testing.html>

FAQs Testing in Nursing Homes (*updated January 7, 2021*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html#Testing-in-Nursing-Homes>

Considerations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing in Nursing Homes (*updated January 7, 2021*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-antigen-testing.html>

Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating (*updated November 23, 2020*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/testing-management-considerations-nursinghomes.htm>



# COVID-19 Testing Services

**SCHD**

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



# COVID-19 Testing Services

Adult care home staff can be tested through SCHD at K-State Research and Extension Center:

**7001 W 21st North, Wichita**

**8:30-11:30 am & 12:30-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday**

*No appointment needed, first come, first serve*

Test results can take **4-6** business days for SCHD result.

If staff or resident tests positive, other staff and residents in the facility should be tested per SCHD and KDHE recommendations.



# 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 COVID-19 testing now includes residents, with or without symptoms, wanting no-cost testing by SCHED at the walk-in/bike-in K-State Research and Extension Center:

- **7001 W 21st St. North, Wichita.**
- Hours are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- *First come, first served, no appointment needed*



# **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 via 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](mailto:kdhe.EpiHotline@ks.gov)



# COVID-19 Vaccine



# COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacy Partnership

The deadline to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacy Partnership Program has passed.

Facilities enrolled in the Pharmacy Partnership Program may deal directly with CVS or Walgreens.

For questions about the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program, please contact [eocevent494@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent494@cdc.gov).



# COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacy Partnership

LTC facilities not enrolled in the COVID-19 vaccine pharmacy partnership will need to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine from SCHD.

Staff may make an appointment via SCHD vaccine scheduler for vaccinating at future SCHD clinic locations:

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



# COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

Facilities wanting to serve as vaccine providers may apply through **KDHE COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment** at:

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

For questions, call or email:

**1-877-296-0464** or [kdhe.COVIDenrollment@ks.gov](mailto:kdhe.COVIDenrollment@ks.gov)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

More information on provider enrollment can 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** – available to download from ZOOM onto your device or request FAQ be emailed to you: [Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov](mailto:Susan.Lee@sedgwick.gov)



# CDC COVID-19 Vaccine – FAQs for LTCs

Answering Common Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines:

Long-Term Care Facility Staff

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/downloads/answering-staff-questions.pdf>

Long-Term Care Residents and Loved Ones

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/downloads/answering-residents-loved-ones-questions.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/faqs.html>

Additional Resources on COVID-19 Vaccination for LTCF administrators and clinical leadership

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/additional-resources.html>



# CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance - Newly Released

Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities  
(*January 11, 2021*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/LTCF-residents.html>

Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility  
(*December 23, 2020*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/index.html>

Preparing Staff for COVID-19 Vaccination - For LTCF administrators and clinical leadership  
(*December 23, 2020*)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/prepare-staff.html>



# COVID-19 Services

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



# 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).

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** include:

- 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](mailto: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 *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](mailto:logistics@Sedgwick.gov)



# COVID-19 N95 Decontamination Services

## **N95 Respirator Decontamination Program:**

Battelle service has been extended through **March 31, 2021.**

Healthcare facilities submit 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 Decontamination Services

FEMA allows N95 respirators to be decontaminated as one measure of maintaining PPE supplies.

- N95 respirators must be free of visual soiling / contamination or they cannot be decontaminated and will be discarded.
  - Must be free from blood, bodily fluids and makeup
- Facility should consider developing usage policy. Consider the following to facilitate decontamination:
  - Keep N95 respirator as clean as possible to facilitate decontamination.
  - Prohibit staff from wearing makeup while wearing N95 Respirators to prevent contamination.



# Emergency Public Health Order



# Local Health Officer Order

**Emergency Public Health Order** of the Sedgwick County Local Health Officer – Individuals, Businesses and Organizations are Required to Comply

**Effective:** January 10, 2021, 12:01 AM

**Effective through:** February 6, 2021, 11:59 PM



# 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 for wearing masks are included in the document.



# Emergency Public Health Order

The Order allows a group **25** or fewer individuals.

- Individuals should generally maintain **6 feet** of distance from one another.
- Individuals are required to wear a mask within public gatherings, whether inside or outside.

The complete Order and FAQs can be read at:

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



# **Sedgwick County**

**is in**

# **Phase 2**



# Sedgwick County - Phase 2

## Metrics place Sedgwick County in Phase 2 -- Percent Positive 13.4%

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	Week 7	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 1	Week 7	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 23
		(3/15)	(4/26)	(5/3)	(5/10)	(5/17)	(5/24)	(7/5)	(7/12)	(7/19)	(7/26)	(11/1)	(11/8)	(11/15)	(11/22)	(11/29)	(12/6)	(12/13)	(12/20)	Numbers Subject to change (12/27)	Numbers Subject to change (1/3)
New Deaths	Stable	0	5	11	2	1	0	2	3	6	7	20	23	35	29	24	17	4	0	0	0
New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Cases per 100,000 SG Residents	Increasing	0.4	17.9	7.8	12.1	6.2	8.8	126.2	133.8	145.2	123.1	553.3	622.5	606.9	382.0	473.5	374.4	286.6	273.0	329.2	448.6
New Cases	Increasing	2	92	40	62	32	45	648	687	746	632	2842	3197	3117	1962	2432	1923	1472	1402	1691	2304
New Non-Cluster Cases	Increasing	2	43	29	8	30	45	628	652	688	564	2636	3029	2977	1820	2233	1785	1362	1349	1635	2272
New Community Disease*** Cases	Increasing	2	56	33	16	31	45	646	667	725	587	2783	3166	3071	1905	2336	1862	1431	1384	1665	2291
New Community Disease*** Cases per 100,000 SG Residents	Increasing	0.4	10.9	6.4	3.1	6.0	8.8	125.8	129.9	141.2	114.3	541.9	616.4	597.9	370.9	454.8	362.5	278.6	269.5	324.2	446.1
New Tests	Stable	163	1246	2217	2698	3178	2375	5411	5527	5749	5998	13040	14781	17182	12563	14334	13592	12796	13916	13524	17195
New Tests per 100,000 SG Residents	Stable	185	243	432	525	619	462	1054	1076	1119	1168	2539	2878	3345	2446	2791	2646	2491	2709	2633	3348
New Cases Percent Positive (New case/New Tests)	Stable	1.2%	7.4%	1.8%	2.3%	1.0%	1.9%	12.0%	12.4%	13.0%	10.5%	21.8%	21.6%	18.1%	15.6%	17.0%	14.1%	11.5%	10.1%	12.5%	13.4%
New Community Disease Percent Positive (community disease/new test)	Stable	1.2%	4.5%	1.5%	0.6%	1.0%	1.9%	11.9%	12.1%	12.6%	9.8%	21.3%	21.4%	17.9%	15.2%	16.3%	13.7%	11.2%	9.9%	12.3%	13.3%

\* Weeks 2 through 6 on Baseline before Ad Astra (March-April), 2 through 6 from Ad Astra Phase 2 (May-July) and Week 2 through Week 14 from Ad Astra Phase 2 (August-October) due to space constraints

\*\*Due to lag in reporting, positive tests and COVID-19 deaths from these weeks were added on 1/9.

\*\*\*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.



# Sedgwick County Phase 2

Metrics are updated weekly at:

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

## COVID-19 Metrics Chart: Sedgwick County Residents - March 15 through Jan 9, 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, Executive Director, Central Plains Area Agency on Aging will present updates on visitation.



# KDADS – Amended Instructions

**KDADS** previously instructed facilities to use **KDHE's** school gating metrics in guidance on 09/23/2020.

KDADS has amended those instructions to reflect that facilities should use the **two-week county positivity rate published by KDHE**. This information is available at:

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

KDADS advises adult care homes to utilize the KDHE positivity rate when making facility *re-opening and visitation plans*.



# KDADS - Visitation Guidance for Long-term Care Settings

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

Types of visitation:

- Compassionate Care
- Indoor
- Outdoor
- Window

[https://www.kdads.ks.gov/images/default-source/ach-covid/new-visitation-guidelines-what-to-expect-now.jpg?sfvrsn=185101ee\\_0](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/images/default-source/ach-covid/new-visitation-guidelines-what-to-expect-now.jpg?sfvrsn=185101ee_0)



# 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.

## New Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines:

### What to Expect When You Visit

*A guide for residents and families as nursing facilities in Kansas implement new guidance for visitation released September 17, 2020, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to address psychosocial needs.*

#### Communication Is Key.

Your loved one has the right to visit. 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 staff 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 non-residential visitation. You can reduce 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 or medium prevalence rates (0% or less) should 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 continued distress, isolation, spending, or crying more frequently





# KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

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

- **Outdoor/Window** – pose lower risk of transmission due to increased space and airflow
- **Indoor** – occurs in facilities with low to medium county positivity rate and includes visits beyond compassionate care



# KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

Outdoor visitations allowed with all precautions even during high county positivity rate:

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



# KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

For outdoor/window visits:

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



# KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

For indoor Compassionate Care visits, during any phase, facilities determine when Compassionate Care visits are appropriate, which 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.



# CMS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

Per CMS, when county positivity rates exceed **10%**, indoor visitations are not allowed except for Compassionate Care.



# 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.



# Visitation Guidance

Healthcare resources facilities should review

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

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

- **KDADS** - Visitation Guidance for Long Term Care Settings, October 19, 2020 (includes: Assisted Living, Board Care Home, Home Plus, Nursing Facility and Residential Health Care Facilities):

[https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/hoc/visitation-guidance-for-long-term-care-settings.pdf?sfvrsn=cdbc01ee\\_2](https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/hoc/visitation-guidance-for-long-term-care-settings.pdf?sfvrsn=cdbc01ee_2)



# CDC Visitation Guidance

The current CDC visitation guidance applies to long-term care facilities.

Visitations may continue in consultation with local public health as per current CDC guidance.

This applies even if a facility (staff and residents) is fully vaccinated, as vaccines are not 100 % effective.



# RESOURCES



# UPDATES

KDHE- Interim Cleaning Recommendations for Facilities Housing Persons Under Quarantine for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Updated December 16, 2020

<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/344/Cleaning-Recommendations-for-Facilities-Housing-Persons-Under-Quarantine-for-COVID-19-PDF---12-11-20>

Center for Biocide Chemistries – American Chemistry Council - Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)— Fighting Products – (referenced in KDHE cleaning update)

- Cleaning should be undertaken using products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims. All products should be used according to label instructions.

<https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>

CDC: Workplaces and Businesses - Plan, Prepare, and Respond

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/workplaces-businesses/index.html>



# 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 Department of Emergency Management <https://www.cpaaa.org/coronavirus-resources>

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

Strategies for Managing a Surge in Healthcare Provider Demand

<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/healthcare-workforce-strategies-for-managing-a-surge-in-healthcare-provider-demand.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: February 16, 2021**