



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

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- SCHED NP/Saliva Testing
- CMS and KDADS Testing/Reporting Requirements
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- 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: **March 26, 2021, 2 – 3 p.m.**



COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 Updates

28,261,979 cases in United States (JH / 02-24-2021)

291,715 cases in Kansas (KDHE / 02-22-2021)

44,399 cases in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 02-23-2021)

506 deaths in Sedgwick County (SC DB / 02-23-2021)

86 total adult care home clusters and **808** 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 be tested through SCHD at the K-State Research and Extension Center:

7001 W 21st North, Wichita

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

No appointment needed, first come, first serve

Test results can take **2-3** business days.

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

Sedgwick County residents, with or without symptoms, can now be tested through Sedgwick County at no-cost by SCHED at the walk-in/bike-in K-State Research and Extension Center:

- **7001 W 21st St. North, Wichita**
- Hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon
- *First come, first served, no appointment needed*

Residents without symptoms can be tested once.



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/>



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.

Reference:

CMS certified Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements for Staff and Residents

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

Executive Order: KDADS licensed Adult Care Home Testing Requirements for Staff and Residents

https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/EO-20-69-Adult-Care-Homes-Covid-Testing_Executed.pdf



CMS and Executive Order - Testing of Nursing Facilities and Adult Care Homes

CMS requires skilled nursing facilities to test 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 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



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>



CMS Final Rule on Nursing Facility Testing

CDC Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care (POC) Testing
(*updated 02-05-2021*)

<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.



Executive Order - Adult Care Home Testing

Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-69 requires KDADS licensed facilities to perform:

- 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



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:

Nursing Home Metrics



Nursing Facility Testing – KDHE Positivity Rate

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Positivity Rate for Sedgwick County: **5.3 %**

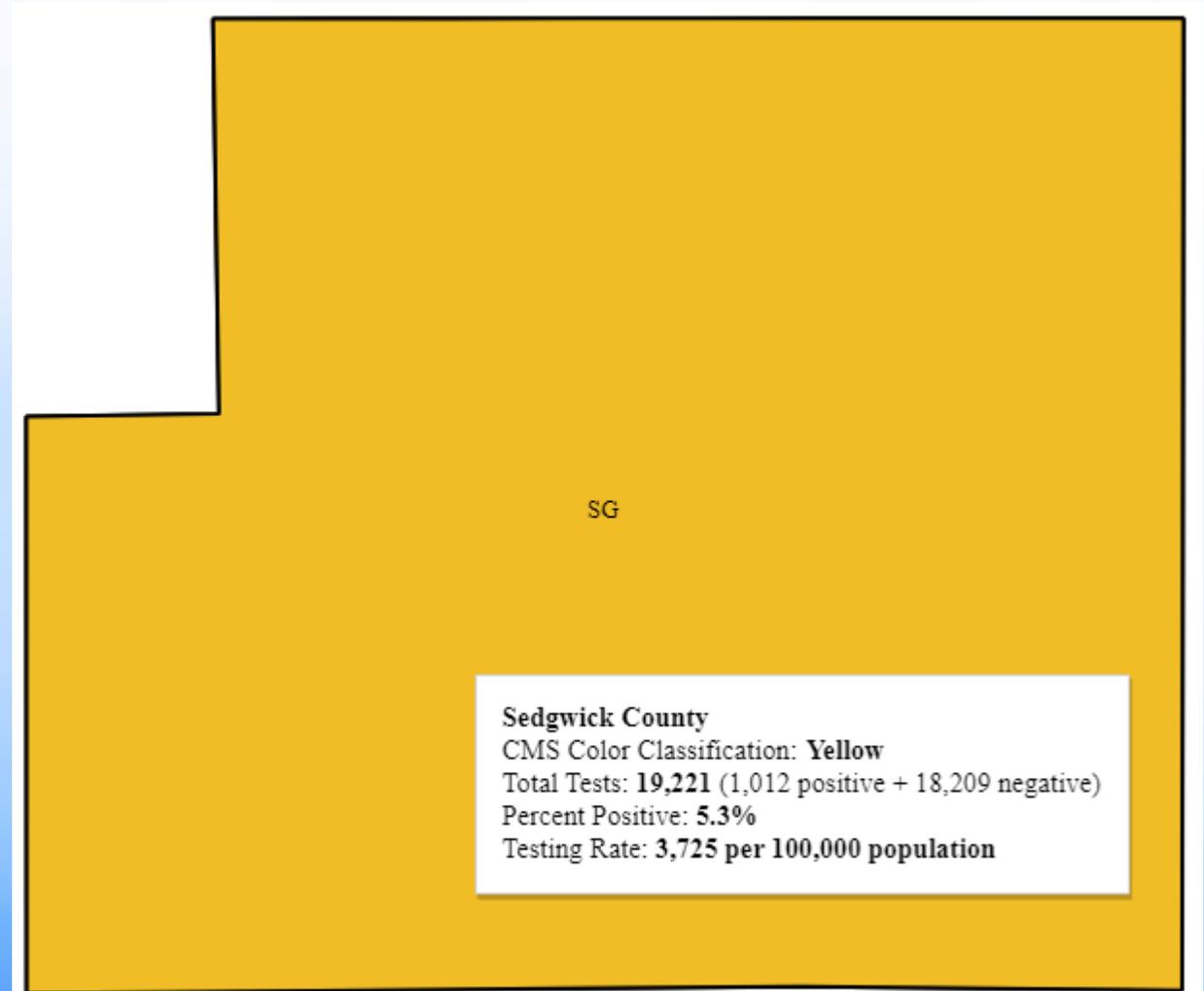
<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas>

[select Nursing Home Metrics]

Current Rolling 14-Day Period:

Starting 02-07-2021

Ending 02-20-2021





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 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



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 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



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.



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 SCHED.

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

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



COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

Facilities wanting to serve as vaccine providers may review

KDHE COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment guidance at:

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

For questions, call or email:

1-877-296-0464 or 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

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



COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html#%3A%7E%3Atext%3DCOVID%2D19%20vaccination%20will%20be%2Cthese%20measures%20are%20not%20enough>

Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2Fvaccine-benefits%2Ffacts.html

What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

COVID-19 Vaccines and Allergic Reactions <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.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>

COVID-19 Vaccine Education Effort: Content for Healthcare Providers
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLdSSKSOSBh4mcQbLK0NnLo8iP5TNqUCOf&webSyncID=662d92e5-8115-cad2-bbc3-c8ecac2309d1&sessionGUID=07d167e4-d998-05b4-b2c8-9e16d6ace07d>

COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance <https://www.cms.gov/covidvax>

Finding Credible Vaccine Information <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/evalwebs.htm>



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** 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 *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 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:

- May undergo a maximum of 4 decontamination cycles.
- 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.



COVID-19 N95 Decontamination Services

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.
- Discard respirators with visible soiling (e.g. blood) or damage and do not send for decontamination.



UPDATES on N95 Respirators

New Information just received from KDEM:

- 3M issues warning about fraudulent N95 masks, models 1860, 1860S, and 1870+.
- More details, including specific lot numbers, will be sent along with the slides after the presentation.
- More information is available by 3M at:

https://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/worker-health-safety-us/covid19/covid-fraud/?utm_medium=redirect&utm_source=vanity-url&utm_campaign=3m.com/covidfraud



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: **February 7, 2021, 12:01 AM**

Effective through: **March 20, 2021, 11:59 PM**



Emergency Public Health Order

Revised to further reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Some points in the Order include:

- Sedgwick County 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 from wearing masks are specified in the Order.



Emergency Public Health Order

The Order allows a group **100** 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 for Metrics**
- **Phase 2 for COVID-19 Vaccination Prioritization**



Sedgwick County - Phase 2

Metrics place Sedgwick County in Phase 2 -- Percent Positive 4.6%

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 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
		(3/15 - 3/21)	(4/26 - 5/2)	(5/3 - 5/9)	(5/10 - 5/16)	(5/17 - 5/23)	(5/24 - 5/30)	(7/5 - 7/11)	(7/12 - 7/18)	(7/19 - 7/25) **	(7/26 - 8/1)	(12/13 - 12/19)	(12/20 - 12/26) **	(12/27 - 1/2)	(1/3 - 1/9) **	(1/10 - 1/16) **	(1/17 - 1/23) **	(1/24 - 1/30) **	(1/31 - 2/6) **	Numbers Subject to change (2/7 - 2/13)	Numbers Subject to change (2/14 - 2/20)
New Deaths	Stable	0	5	10	2	1	0	2	3	6	7	34	25	20	27	15	10	15	3	0	0
New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions †	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Cases per 100,000 SG Residents	Decreasing	0.4	17.9	7.8	12.1	6.4	8.8	126.2	134.3	148.6	133.8	321.8	306.8	365.3	508.4	324.2	276.3	254.1	195.5	116.4	77.3
New Cases	Decreasing	2	92	40	62	33	45	648	690	763	687	1653	1576	1876	2611	1665	1419	1305	1004	598	397
New Non-Cluster Cases	Decreasing	2	43	28	8	30	45	625	652	691	617	1506	1496	1772	2523	1586	1344	1254	972	580	396
New Community Disease*** Cases	Decreasing	2	56	33	16	32	45	646	670	738	642	1602	1545	1835	2582	1646	1401	1284	994	592	396
New Community Disease*** Cases per 100,000 SG Residents	Decreasing	0.4	10.9	6.4	3.1	6.2	8.8	125.8	130.4	143.7	125.0	311.9	300.8	357.3	502.7	320.5	272.8	250.0	193.5	115.3	77.1
New Tests	Decreasing	163	1246	2217	2698	3179	2375	5411	5530	5766	6053	16863	17516	17596	23486	20086	19292	18012	16897	13490	8695
New Tests per 100,000 SG Residents	Decreasing	185	243	432	525	619	462	1054	1077	1123	1179	3283	3410	3426	4573	3911	3756	3507	3290	2627	1693
New Cases Percent Positive (New case/New Tests)	Stable	1.2%	7.4%	1.8%	2.3%	1.0%	1.9%	12.0%	12.5%	13.2%	11.3%	9.8%	9.0%	10.7%	11.1%	8.3%	7.4%	7.2%	5.9%	4.4%	4.6%
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%	12.8%	10.6%	9.5%	8.8%	10.4%	11.0%	8.2%	7.3%	7.1%	5.9%	4.4%	4.6%

As of February 20, 2021, most Sedgwick County COVID-19 metric trends are decreasing.

* 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 20 from Ad Astra Phase 2 (August-December) due to space constraints

**Due to lag in reporting, positive tests and COVID-19 deaths from these weeks were added on 2/22.

***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/covid-19-metrics/>

COVID-19 Metrics Chart: Sedgwick County Residents - March 15 through February 20, 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 SCHED 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 – County Positivity Rate Instructions

KDADS has instructed adult care homes to use the **two-week county positivity rate** published by **KDHE** (select Nursing Home Metrics):

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

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



KDADS – Issued 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

https://www.kdads.ks.gov/docs/default-source/covid-19/hoc/visitation-guidance-for-long-term-care-settings.pdf?sfvrsn=cdbc01ee_2



KDADS & CMS – Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Settings

Low (<5%) or Green* = Visitation should occur according to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention and facility policies (beyond compassionate care visits)

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 **Nursing Home Metrics**)



Visitation Guidance

Healthcare facilities should review CMS and KDADS guidance for visitation and positivity rate determination:

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

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

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



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 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 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.

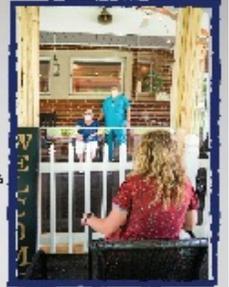
Visitation can be conducted differently based on the facility's environment and residents' needs. For example, visits could take place in resident rooms, dedicated visitation spaces, outdoors, and for circumstances beyond compassionate care situations. Regardless of how visits are conducted, there are 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 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 outdoor visitation whenever practical and indicated in a resident 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 and counties with low or medium predictability 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, such as sleeping, or crying more frequently



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



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 during all phases.



KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

Outdoor and window visitations allowed even during high county positivity rate (*exceeds 10%*) with all precautions:

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

- 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)
- Provide sufficient space



KDADS - Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

For indoor Compassionate Care visits, during any phase and positivity rate, 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.



Nursing Facility Visitation Guidelines

When county positivity rates exceed **10%**, indoor visitations are not allowed except for Compassionate Care, as per CMS and KDADS guidance.

CMS

- There have been no new, nursing home onset COVID-19 cases in the nursing home for 28 days (*through phases one and two of county metrics*)

KDADS

- There has been no new onset of COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days and the facility is not currently conducting outbreak testing



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.



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



RESOURCES



CMS, HHS, MMWR UPDATES

Revised COVID-19 Survey Activities, CARES Act Funding, Enhanced Enforcement for Infection Control deficiencies, and Quality Improvement Activities in Nursing Homes; Ref: QSO-20-31-All (**REVISED 01/04/2021**)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-31-all-revised.pdf>

COVID-19 and Flu Public Education Campaign <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/education-campaign/index.html>

Early COVID-19 First-Dose Vaccination Coverage Among Residents and Staff Members of Skilled Nursing Facilities Participating in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program — United States, December 2020–January 2021

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7005e2.htm?s_cid=mm7005e2_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM47945&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20February%201%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM47945



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.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 <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

March 26, 2021 – 2 to 3 p.m.