

COVID-19 Update with LHDs

Wednesday, September 8th

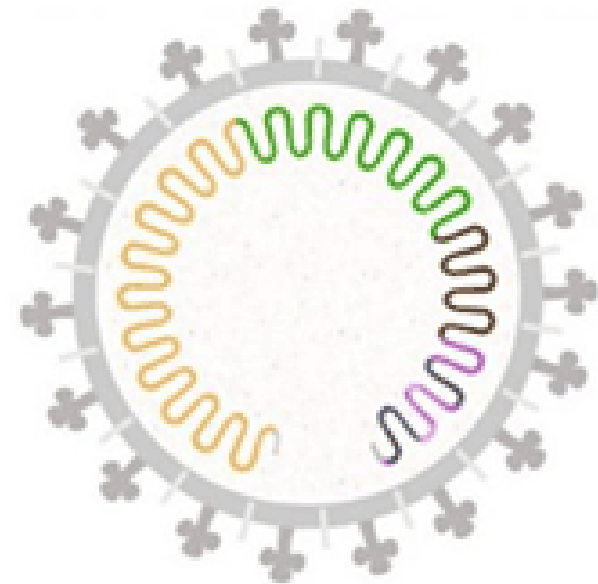
KDHE Secretary Dr. Lee Norman

Case Update (9/8)

- 382,850 cases; 5,693 deaths
- 5,727 cases and 63 deaths since Friday (9/3)

COVID-19 Trends (9/1-9/8)

- 9,679 new cases in one week
- 1,383 average of new cases per day over the last week
- 112 new deaths
- 16 average of deaths per day over the last week



School Outbreaks

- If a school or schools in your county are experiencing an outbreak, please call and report this to the KDHE epidemiology hotline.
- KAR 28-1-2 Outbreaks are reportable within 4 hours to KDHE
- We will assist in creating an outbreaks, obtaining a line list, and associating cases

OTC Antigen Tests

- A positive from an OTC antigen test is a suspect case
- A diagnostic antigen or PCR is recommended
- Isolation and quarantine measures should not necessarily be implemented unless there is other evidence that this represents a COVID-19 infection

Case Investigation and Contact Monitoring Update

- **Contact Monitors**
 - Currently have 50 on staff
 - Training is occurring weekly until we have 115 trained
- **Case Investigation**
 - Currently have 45 on staff
 - Training for 60 is occurring this week, so by next Wednesday

- Preparedness
- Newborn Screening
- Suicide Prevention

Coming Soon
Flu Material

Social Media Toolkit



For more information, visit kdheks.gov/flu.

Email kristi.zears@ks.gov

Weekly media advisory to amplify vaccine events

Vaccine events are happening across the state. A **KDHE weekly media advisory** is sent out every Wednesday/Thursday to amplify these events to ensure outlets are aware and publicizing to target audiences (African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Rural) & broader audiences not yet vaccinated.



Drop your scheduled events in the
webinar chat!



Email Kristi Zears – kristi.zears@ks.gov

Your vaccine events will appear in a weekly KDHE media advisory sent to statewide and local media

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Free Vaccine and Testing Clinics
Continue Statewide with Emergence of Delta Variant**
~ Vaccine and Testing events will be held in several counties across the state over the next week~

TOPEKA – With the increased presence of the Delta variant in the region, local health departments, providers, and community groups are continuing to hold free COVID-19 vaccine and testing clinics. While infection rates have declined in Kansas, the emergence of the new variant poses a unique risk to communities across Kansas. Kansans should stay safe by continuing to social distance and wear masks while around unvaccinated people.

These events are part of a sustained effort to mobilize Kansans to get vaccinated and for unvaccinated Kansans to get tested to stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect themselves and loved ones. According to the CDC, the Delta variant is 60% more transmissible than the B.117 variant which was previously the dominant strain. The new variant appears to be spreading most quickly in communities that have the lowest vaccination rates.

Events are listed below by county and then by date:

Douglas County

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
What: Lawrence Just Food, Vaccine and Testing Event
Vaccines Offered: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson
Where: 1000 E 11th St, Lawrence, KS 66046
Hours: 9:30 AM – 4 PM

Friday, July 9, 2021
What: Christ Community Church, Testing Clinic
Where: 1100 Kasold Drive, Lawrence 66049
Hours: 5 PM – 7 PM

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
What: Lawrence Public Library, Vaccine and Testing Event
Where: 707 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Hours: 9 AM – 12 PM

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Lyon County

Saturday, July 10, 2021
What: Riverside Elementary School, Testing Clinic
Where: 327 South West Street, Emporia, KS 66801
Hours: 8 AM – 10 AM

Shawnee County

Saturday, July 10, 2021
What: Harvesters Community Food Network/ USD 501, Vaccination Clinic
Vaccines Offered: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson
Where: Jardine Middle School - 2600 S.W. 33rd St. Topeka, KS 66611
Hours: 7 AM – 10 AM

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
What: Oakland New Life, Vaccine and Testing Event
Vaccines Offered: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson
Where: Lundgren Elementary, 1020 NE Forest Ave, Topeka, KS 66616
Hours: 9 AM – 3 PM

Reno County

Monday, July 12, 2021
What: Reno County Food Pantry, Vaccination Clinic
Vaccines Offered: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson
Where: 700 N Walnut St Hutchinson, KS 67501
Hours: 8 AM – 3 PM

Please note, additional vaccine and testing events may be happening in communities across the state. Please check with your local health department for events that may not be listed.

For more information on where you can be tested for COVID-19 outside of these clinics, visit: knowbeforeyougoKS.com.

To learn more about the vaccines and schedule a vaccination appointment, visit www.kansasvaccine.gov.

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Community Testing Partners Program Onboarding

The Community Testing Partners (CTP) Program will be providing 2 weekly onboarding sessions on Monday's and Thursday's starting Monday 9-13-2021:

**Monday's 4-5pm CST follow this [link](#)
Thursday's 11am-12pm CST follow this [link](#)
(no registration needed)**

Outdoor Festival Guidance

Located at: [Kansas-Recreation--Park-Association-Reopening-Guidelines-PDF---5-22-20\(kdheks.gov\)](#) (outdoor venues are addressed on page 21) You may be able to use the sanitation, hygiene, and other guidance to modify it for your situation.

The CDC offers the following also on an archived event page [Considerations for Events and Gatherings | CDC](#) (updated as of May 2021 no longer being revised).

Most up-to-date guidance is not detailed and requests persons weigh the risks, promote vaccination, masks, and maintaining 6 foot distance when possible: [Small and Large Gatherings | CDC](#).

CDC FAQs may also be helpful: [Event Planning FAQs | CDC](#)

KDHE is hiring for the following public health nurse positions:

Northwest, Northeast, and Southcentral

To apply go to:

https://jobs.sok.ks.gov/psc/sokhrprdcg/APPLICANT/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB_FL&Action=U

Contact Information for Support/Information

Kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov – For questions regarding VFC and COVID vaccine ordering, vaccine delivery questions or issues, to request data loggers, and for questions regarding the VFC Program.

Kdhe.COVIDEnrollment@ks.gov – For questions or assistance on COVID-19 provider enrollment and redistribution agreements, to request changes to COVID-19 provider enrollment forms, or to check the status of the enrollment process.

kdhe.IMMOnboarding@ks.gov – For questions or assistance with KSWebIZ onboarding.

kdhe.ImmunizationRegistry@ks.gov – For questions or assistance from the KSWebIZ Helpdesk related to KSWebIZ reports, training needs, data entry, local and monthly reconciliations.

[Kansas Department of Health and Environment: Immunization Program Staff](#) – Website with Kansas Immunization Program staff names and email information

Contact Information for Support/Information

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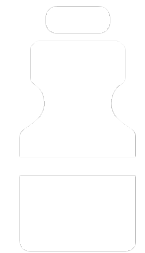
(for KGMS-related questions)

EpiHotline

kdhe.EpiHotline@ks.gov

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877-427-7317



Options for Testing

Helpful Contacts

- **General Laboratory Information**
 - KDHE.KHELINFO@ks.gov
- **CLIA Certification Questions:**
 - KDHE.CLIA2@ks.gov
- **School Testing Program Contact**
 - Sarah Allin, K-12 Funding Project Manager
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Questions?

Webinar recordings available at:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8088696>

Password: **KDHECOVID**

Webinar written summaries available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lbq3PGEbjFuewzhZkSmkqkX8aVgVhOJb>

Recordings prior to 2-1-2021 can be viewed at: **bit.ly/dailyupdaterecordings**

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LHD@ks.gov

Epi related questions: kdhe.EpiHotline@ks.gov

or call 877-427-7317