



The Kansas Healthcare Coalition website is now live. The website provides information about the coalition and the community we serve as well as regularly updated information, resources, tools, and library on COVID-19. **Members** are invited to register online for access to meeting information, agendas, and documents. All documents linked in the newsletters are also available on the website.

Please share the website with community leaders and potential members as we build and strengthen the coalition.

As members, if you are unable to access documents linked to Dropbox in the newsletter, they can also be found on the website in a member-only document section.

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Register Now

Pediatric Surge Tabletop Exercise

Pediatric Tabletop Exercises have been completed in every Region of the State. We learned a great deal about our coalitions' abilities to manage an incident involving pediatrics as well as areas in which we can improve.



After-Action Reports are being finalized and will be available on the website for review.



Response Plan

We are currently reviewing and updating our coalitions' Response Plans.

Mini Grants

Award announcements are in process. If you have received your award announcement, please make your purchases ASAP and send your reimbursement request to your RRC.



Outbreak Express: April FSE

Kansas has received approval from both HPP and PHEP that we do not need to do a full scale exercise this year.

All plans are canceled.

[More Info >](#)

Coalition Surge Test

The CST has been postponed. A future date is yet to be determined at this time.



More details to follow as the test is developed and information comes available.

KS Metro HCC will be coordinating with MARC for the coalition surge test to run for both Kansas and Missouri.



Volunteer Resources

Coalitions throughout the state are collecting volunteer opportunities with disaster response organizations in their communities during an event.

If your organization or community has volunteer opportunities during an emergency event, please reach out to your RRC with the information.

Situational Awareness

Healthcare Coalition Partners of Kansas has developed a one-stop shop on the Kansas Healthcare Coalition website for COVID-19 information, resources, tools, and much more.

HCCP of Kansas has also established a library on the website for sharing best practices, lessons learned, and information regarding plans, policies, procedures, and more.

Member Spotlight

Kansas Statewide Healthcare Coalition Steering Committee

The steering committee is charged with working on healthcare coalition projects and facilitating statewide information sharing and networking. In addition, the steering committee will give guidance and suggestions to KDHE, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), and the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) and will function as an advisory board to share the local and regional perspective on HCC-related gaps, strengths, best practices, lessons learned, etc. The Committee is an advising body with a range of health and medical representation across the state. The Committee is comprised of 14 core members, three ex officio members, and six at-large members.

Coalition representatives are invited to participate based on the selection by their respective healthcare coalition. Core members include, but are not exclusive to, at least

two individuals (one public health and one hospital) representing the seven HCC regions across the state; ex-officio members, and vital community at-large members.



Jason Tiller

Vice-Chair of the KS Steering Committee

Jason sits at the helm of several organizations within North Central Kansas, but his primary position is that of Director of the Saline County Health Department. The Saline County Health Department is a well-organized group of public health experts taking care of the most populous part of the North Central Kansas. Jason accepted his current position in November 2015.

He holds a Bachelor's in Public Health with an emphasis on public health policies and public health management as well as a Master's in Health Education from Kaplan University, Nebraska. Jason also spent 20 years in the Army as a combat medic and retired in 2014 as a sergeant first class, medical platoon sergeant. For Jason, the task is not only to be prepared for healthcare emergencies, such as the one we are currently engaged, but also to take a proactive approach with regard to those non-emergency health crises that the health department responds to such as teenage pregnancy, teenage obesity, sexually transmitted diseases, violence. His desire since the beginning of his tenure has been to help the Saline County community reduce the number of incidents of disease instead of just treating the cases.

Jason is married and has three grown daughters, one grandson and another grandbaby on the way. When not involved in combating COVID 19, working at the health department, chairing the State Steering Committee, Saline County ESF#8 Committee or Chairing the NCK HCC, Jason can often be found working with his local church and on rare occasions, playing his drum.

Current News



Healthcare Preparedness Articles

PPE Shortages & Funding Gaps for Pandemics

Looking Ahead – Future of the Strategic National Stockpile

Drugs, Homelessness & a Growing Public Health Disaster

Evolving the Scope of the Strategic National Stockpile

[Read More >](#)

Printer toner linked to genetic changes, health risks in new study

According a new study, the microscopic toner nanoparticles that waft from laser printers may change our genetic and metabolic profiles in ways that make disease more likely.



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MEDICALNEWS TODAY

COVID-19 is now a pandemic: What next?

As COVID-19 moves from epidemic to pandemic status, we discuss what implications this may have for all of us and describe how experts have reacted. We also share some coping strategies for anxiety.

[More Info >](#)

COVID-19 Resources & Updates

KDHE Update & Resources

KDHE continues to closely monitor an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus named coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[Read More >](#)

KDHE COVID-19 Dashboard

Statewide map of COVID-19 cases

[Read More >](#)

OSHA N95 Guidance

Temporary Enforcement Guidance - Healthcare Respiratory Protection Annual Fit-Testing for N95 Filtering Facepieces During the COVID-19 Outbreak (March 14, 2020)

[Read More >](#)

CDC Webinar

Answering 20 Questions about COVID-19

As of March 2020, the international outbreak of COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat. During this special webinar from CDC EPIC, Dr. Jay Butler shared the current state of the outbreak, what CDC is

CDC COCA Calls

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) prepares clinicians to respond to emerging health threats and public health emergencies by communicating relevant, timely information related to disease outbreaks, disasters, terrorism events, and other health alerts.

Disinfectants

New list of disinfectants that the EPA put out for Emerging Viral Pathogens & Human Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

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doing to respond to the outbreak, and how partners, organizations, and the public can help.

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Johns Hopkins Map

Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

In an effort to provide you with the most up-to-date information the COVID-19 Global Case Tracker is updated frequently.

[Read More >](#)

Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems

This guidance applies to all first responders, including law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and emergency management officials, who anticipate close contact with persons with confirmed or possible COVID-19 in the course of their work.

[Read More >](#)

Upcoming Calls (1-2pm):

- March 27: Underlying Medical Conditions and People at Higher Risk for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- March 25: COVID-19 Update: Optimization Strategies for Healthcare Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

[Read More >](#)

PPE Suppliers and Supply Alternatives

Excel documents detailing PPE Suppliers and the PPE they provide as well as supply alternatives to what is currently being use.

[Read More >](#)

Preparing for COVID-19: Long-term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes

Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can take steps to assess and improve their preparedness for responding to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[Read More >](#)

Drive-Thru Testing

Stormont Vail is implementing a new procedure for some people to get tested for coronavirus.

Starting Tuesday, March 17, people who follow the directive to call their physician about their symptoms and meet the criteria for testing will be directed to the new location.

[Check local facilities for drive-through testing.]

[Read More >](#)

PPE Calculator & Planning Tools

The PPE calculator tool is designed to help estimate the amount of PPE hospitals may need to have on hand to manage the care of one (1) patient hospitalized with Ebola virus disease (Ebola).

The PPE Planning Tool is designed to help hospitals determine approximate minimum PPE needs based on special pathogen

category and number of facility specific variables.

Both Excel tools are on the KSHCC website.

[Read More >](#)

Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators & Other Supplies

Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators offers a series of strategies or options on how healthcare facilities can optimize supplies of disposable N95 filtering facepiece respirators when there is limited supply availability. This checklist is intended to help healthcare facilities prioritize the implementation of the strategies following the prioritization used in the concept of surge capacity.

[Read More >](#)

KS PPE Ordering Process

A simple infographic to guide your facility through the PPE Ordering Process.

Link directs you to the KSHCC website - COVID-19 Resources page.

[Read More >](#)

COVID-19 Healthcare Planning Checklist

Planning for a potential emerging infectious disease pandemic, like COVID-19, is critical to protecting the health and welfare of our nation. To assist state, local, tribal, and territorial partners in their planning efforts, ASPR has developed the following checklist. It identifies specific activities your jurisdiction can do now to prepare for, respond to, and be resilient in the face of COVID-19.

[Read More >](#)

Upcoming Events & Training Opportunities

The North Central Kansas & North West Kansas 2020 Preparedness Summits have been canceled due the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our target audience is at the front lines addressing COVID-29. We know your communities need you. Please direct questions to nc@hccpkansas.com.



Fixing Our Fault Lines: Addressing Systemic Vulnerabilities

[See More >](#)

Due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, NACCHO will be postponing the 2020 Preparedness Summit from August 23–August 26 at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, TX. Each year, the Summit offers a unique learning and networking opportunity for current and aspiring emergency management, public health, and healthcare professionals, and their partners, to share perspectives and engage in dialogue on key

public health preparedness and response issues. As the first and longest running national preparedness conference, the Preparedness Summit is the best place for you to gain the knowledge, resources, and relationships necessary to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies.



2021 Statewide Summit

September 28 & 29, 2021

Wichita, Kansas

Venue: Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview
Wichita, Kansas

Additional details will follow as this summit is developed. Information will be available on the state healthcare coalition website: www.kshcc.com

Online Training Opportunities & Online Resources

[CDC Tests for COVID-19](#)

[More Info >](#)

[NETEC Just-in-time Pathogen Training](#)

[More Info >](#)

[Guidelines for Clinical Specimen for PUIs for COVID-19](#)

[More Info >](#)

[FEMA's National Mass Evacuee Tracking System](#)

[More Info >](#)

[Patient Care Strategies for Scarce Resource Situations](#)

Link to PDF document in DropBox. Also available on the KSMHCC website in Member Documents.

[More Info >](#)

[2020 Flood Outlook Seminar Slides and Resources](#)

Excellent new WebEOC resources for emergency managers

[More Info >](#)



Members and Kansas EMResource Users

EMResource and eICS online training:

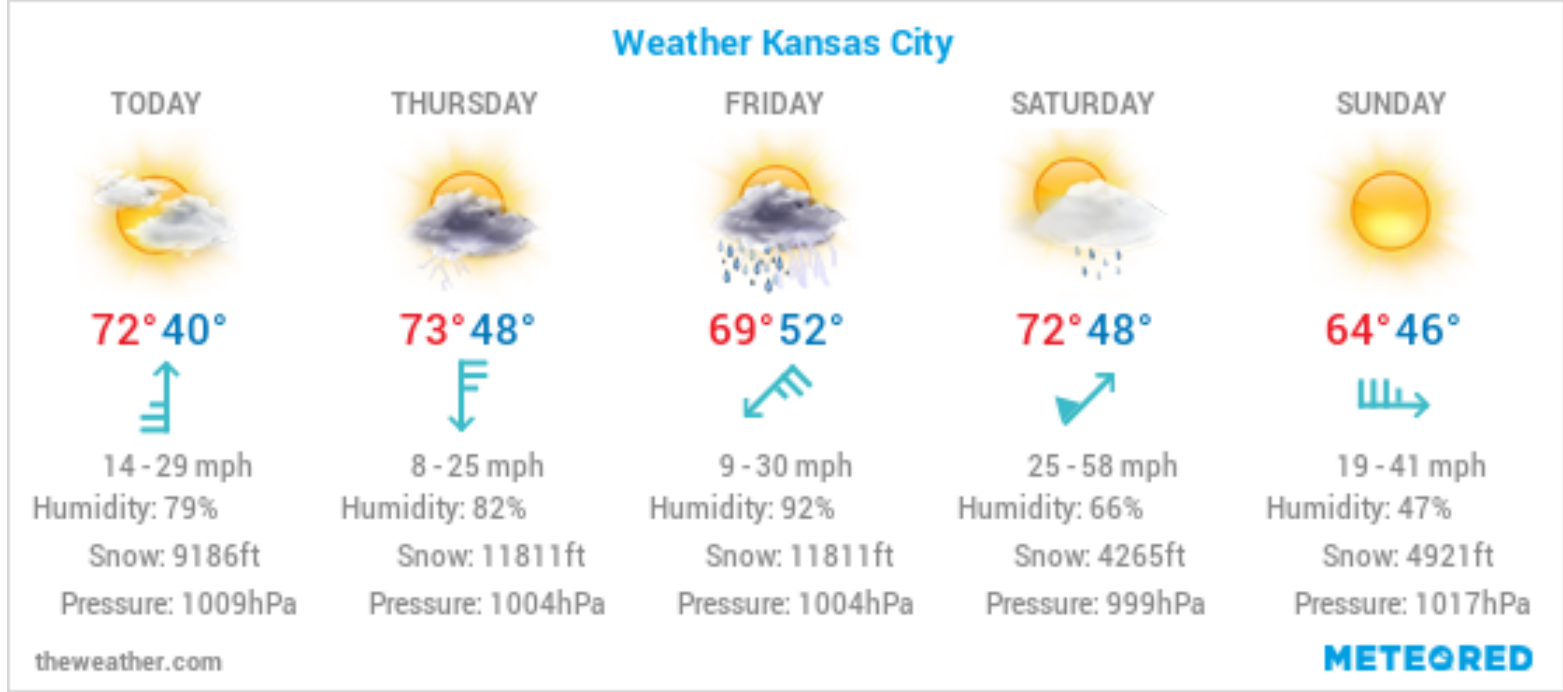
1. End User (eICS)
2. Administrator (eICS)
3. EMResource

Discounted to no cost for Kansas EMResource Users with promo code in flyer

[View Flyer](#)

Weekly Brain Teaser

This week's puzzle is a [NYT Spelling Bee](#).



Submit Articles & Events

Do you have an article or an event you would like shared in this weekly newsletter? Do you have an ongoing project that would benefit from the involvement of other coalition members? Would you like to nominate a member of our coalition for the Member Spotlight section?

Email Skye your ideas, comments, article links, news stories, etc. by Friday of each week to be considered for future newsletters.

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