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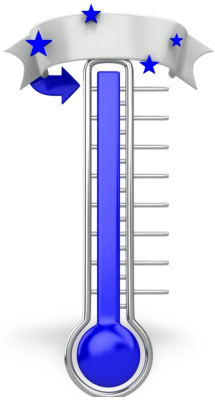
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Congratulations!

Republic County Hospital and Clay County Medical Center are both recipients of a NCK HCC Mini-Grant! Both facilities submitted applications that were approved by KDHE. Republic County secured dedicated IV Poles to use with COVID 19 patients and Clay County was reimbursed for MaxAire Units. Mini-Grants are closed for this year's grant period and remaining monies are being used to secure additional PPE for our regional cache.



Work Plan Progress



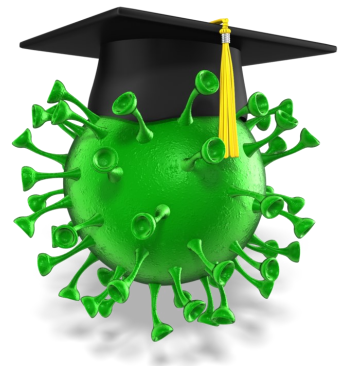
Thanks to you and the faithful work of the NCK HCC Executive Committee, our region is right on track with Work Plan requirements. HCC Membership is current, Redundant Communication Drills were performed, Preparedness Plan, Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, Response Plan, Infectious Disease Annex, Pediatric Annex and the FY22 Draft Budget, Training Plan and Work Plan have all been submitted on time.

Education Available:

Wednesday, January 27th, Live Webinar, End of the Pandemic: Successful Vaccine Distribution, 10:30 CST. [Webinar - The End of the Pandemic: Successful Vaccine Distribution \(everbridge.com\)](https://www.everbridge.com/webinars/the-end-of-the-pandemic-successful-vaccine-distribution)

Join Everbridge as they speak with Dr. Scott Gottlieb about:

- Vaccine distribution, efficacy, concerns, and rumors
- Latest on distribution logistics
- Best practices for vaccine distribution management and communication
- The obligation of government and employers
- What's Next?



- Over 40 members and partners participated in our most recent NCK HCC meeting and Tabletop Exercise on 1/8/2021. An After Action Review is on it way to participants for your facility's use. Our next NCK HCC meeting is March 12th. Please register on https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live_event.

- Our Statewide Healthcare Preparedness Summit will now be a virtual event. Be watching for more details about this September 2021 event. If you have ideas or recommendations to share with the committee planning this event, please contact Beth Vallier, nc@hccpkansas.com.





On-Target Resources

- **PediEDtrics Kit** - This is a great resource for EMS Stations and ER Staff to review the Brose-low Tape and plan interventions together. The kit has been purchased by NCK HCC for our members / partners and includes Continuing EMS or Continued Nursing Education credit. Call Beth, 785-472-1247 to secure the kit for your team to use.

- **Mission Control Software** - This software has been secured for hospitals by KDHE for the year and assists in locating beds for patients needing to be transferred. Please contact them at: contact@cheyennemountainsoftware.com for more information or a demo.

- **Regional Report Outs** - NCK Reports are given on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Heather Fuller with the Sunflower Health Region, special NCK guests / providers and Kerianne Ehrlich, RN, Ellsworth County Health Dept. Admin. are giving reports for our region. Use the following link to connect: <https://bit.ly/KansasReportOuts> Have something encouraging to share about your community, assistance with COVID response given? Please share them with Beth, nc@hccpkansas.com or Heather Fuller, hfuller@srhc.com for the Report Out.

- **PPE Available** - The NCK HCC has PPE resources for you if needed. We have shoe covers, N-95 masks, disposable and re-useable isolation gowns, 3 ply disposable masks, disposable stethoscopes, disposable blood pressure cuffs, with more PPE arriving soon. Hand Sanitizer in 1.785 liter bottles is also available and needing to be used. All these items can be ordered by Members in Good Standing, as needed online at www.kshcc.com.

- **SteraMist Cleaning System** - Members in Good Standing can order SteraMist cleaning and have their expenses reimbursed. Please contact Beth for more information on ordering the services.

- **PortaCount Machines** - Our region has four PortaCount machines with supplies available. Please use the calendar check out on the website, www.kshcc.com to secure a machine for your facility's use. (Online training is available prior to using the machine.)

- **Zero Suicide Factsheet** - To assist health and behavioral health agencies in their adoption of the Zero Suicide framework, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC), federally funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers a free and publicly available evolving online toolkit that includes modules and resources to address each of the elements of Zero Suicide. The Zero Suicide Institute at the Educational Development Center provides expert consultation and guidance to health and behavioral health care organizations implementing the Zero Suicide framework for safer suicide care. Organizations contract with the Zero Suicide Institute for the experience and tools needed to accelerate Zero Suicide adoption. Visit the Zero Suicide Toolkit Zero Suicide Institute www.zerosuicide.com.

- **Helping EMS & 9-1-1 Respond to COVID 19** - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) provides federal resources to support local and state responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Visit EMS.gov](http://www.EMS.gov) to see how OEMS can help you with your response.

- **Fire Safety** - Community Risk Reduction Week kicks off on Monday, January 18, a community day of service. Each day of the week has a focus on a different CRR "E" (Education, Engineering, Economic Incentive, Enforcement and Emergency Response). CRR Week is all about what works and what is needed in your community. Join departments across the U.S. this year during CRR Week. You can find more information at www.CRRWeek.org.



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