

October 26, 2020



The next NCK HCC Member Meeting will be held via Zoom  
on  
November 13, 2020  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Register today on KS.Train:  
[https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live\\_event](https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live_event)



In addition to voting on the revised Preparedness Plan, Response Plan, receiving important updates, hearing from the Regional Trauma Council, Regional Health Department Coordinator, Sunflower Health Network, EMS Representative, and others, we will have two speakers:

Dr. Jessica Kalender-Rich,  
Medical Director, Post-Acute Continuum of Care  
University of Kansas Health System  
presenting:

**COVID 19 & Influenza in Post-Acute Care:  
A Looming Double Threat**

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Stephanie Wright, BSN, RN  
1033 Foundation NW Coordinator  
presenting:

**Compassion Fatigue**

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*\*Documentation to be provided for EMS Continuing Education Hours*

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- Information on the Kansas Hero Relief Program for essential workers can be found at: [www.ksherorelief.com](http://www.ksherorelief.com).
- An updated presentation from Dr. Rebecca Martin is available on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/Yev\\_F4Nqd\\_k](https://youtu.be/Yev_F4Nqd_k)
- Resources for Earthquake Exercises are available on: <https://www.shakeout.org/centralus/resources/>
- The NCK SteraMist available for rent, with reimbursement to members. Contact Beth if needed, 785-472-1247
- PortaCount reservations are now on the [www.kshcc.com](http://www.kshcc.com) website. If you have any questions or concerns contact Beth.



Cynthia Pendelton BSN, RN  
Infection Prevention Specialist

*Please welcome Cynthia Pendelton, BSN, RN as the new Infection Prevention Specialist for our region! Through a contract with KDHE, Cynthia will serve as a regional expert for Infection Prevention related issues and is available to assist local health departments, long term care facilities, hospitals and all other healthcare facilities. She is available by phone or email on an as needed basis to answer questions and provide resources. Additionally, she is available to assist with policy and procedure review and development, onsite and virtual observation of infection control activities, and the development of educational tools for direct care and licensed staff. Welcome to NCKHCC Cynthia!*

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- 11/10/20, 10:00 am Medical Counter Measures Webinar will have some great tips about reading for mass vaccination and a member of the state vaccination planning team members will be present to share new information. KS.Train Course #1092020.
- 2/10/21, 10:00 am, Crisis Communications Overview. KS.Train Course #1092019
- Remember that DQE's Online HazMat Education will cease at the **end of December 2020**. Beth Vallier ([nc@hccpkansas.com](mailto:nc@hccpkansas.com) or 785-472-1247) has a list of the seats left for each hospital in the NCK HCC region. This is a great resource that has already been paid for and works great in getting your staff ready for a hazmat emergency. *Please note that the link to all the DQE videos is now available on the website, <https://www.kshcc.com/library.html>.*
- ICS Classes are available on KS.Train:
  - ICS 100: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1078825/>
  - ICS 200 for First Responders: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1009613>
  - ICS 700 an Introduction to the National Incident Management System: <https://www.train.org/ks/course/1078831/>



### IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT—IMPORTANT

The Health & Human Services, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency and FBI shared on 10/28/20, that credible information of an increased and imminent cybercrime threat in the form of ransomware to US hospitals and healthcare providers is occurring and about to increase. The joint government team provided the following preventative steps and mitigation strategies the sector can take to avoid becoming a victim of these attacks. ***Please take this warning and ensure that timely and reasonable precautions are taken to protect networks from these threats.***

1. Have all IP Lockdown protocols and procedures operational.
2. Expedite any patches and/or updates.
3. Prepare to maintain back-up plans.
4. Limit non-essential IP use.
5. Prepare to re-route patients
6. Maintain adequate IP staffing
7. Connect with the FBI Field Office in Kansas City (816-512-8200) or [tipsfbi.gov](http://tipsfbi.gov) to report threats or voice concerns.