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Safe Holiday Online Shopping



* Check your devices. Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, "Do they each have strong passwords?" And even better, if multi-factor authentication is available, are you using it?

* Only shop through trusted sources. Think about how you're searching online? Are you searching from home or on public Wi-Fi? How are you finding the deals? Are you clicking on links in emails or going to trusted vendors? Are you clicking on ads on webpages?

* Use safe methods for purchases. If you're ready to make a purchase, what information are you handing over? Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be used and stored.

Tips from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Agency [Shop Safely](#) | [CISA](#)

National Influenza Vaccination Week - 12/ 5-11

Do you need to give someone encouragement to get the flu vaccine? Here are some reasons from the Center of Disease Control, [What are the benefits of flu vaccination?](#) | [CDC](#)



- The Influenza Vaccine can keep you from getting sick with flu
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with certain chronic health conditions.
- Flu vaccination helps protect pregnant people during and after pregnancy.
- Flu vaccine can be lifesaving in children.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

Kansas Attendees to the National Healthcare Coalition Conference



(Left) Kansas representatives from around the State. (Michael Bomberger not pictured). (Above) Tami Wood, Danielle Marten, Kerry McCue and Michael Bomberger present Post Acute Care Projects at the convention. Thanks to all attendees and presenters!



Coalitions Around Kansas

This new section of our newsletter contains some best practices, upcoming events and lessons learned from comrades in other coalitions around the State. Please share your ideas for this section with someone on your coalition's Executive Committee.



The next **Kansas City Metro HCC Membership Meeting** will be held February 22nd at 2:00 pm via TEAMS. Please register for this meeting on KS Train using course number 1092673. When addressing high volumes, the metro region is moving to use the NEDOCS score. (Score of overcrowding in Emergency Room Departments.) The Metro region is educating to increase awareness of the process and creating a uniform approach when hospitals experience high volumes.



The next **NCK HCC Membership Meeting** will be held Friday, January 14 from 9:00am - 12:00pm via TEAMS. Please register for this meeting on KS Train using course number 1092953. The NCK Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee will begin monthly training for members in January on a variety of topics.

North East HCC

The next **NE HCC Membership Meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 1st at 9:00 am. Please register for this meeting on KS Train using course number 1071554. During the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, an organization mentioned that most dialysis centers consider the hospital their back-up facility in the event of an emergency. Hospitals within the NEKSHCC Region are reaching out to their dialysis centers in order to verify their emergency plans. If the center plans to utilize the hospital, then the hospital is going to consider adding a "Dialysis Surge Plan" into their EOP now in order to work through potential issues prior to this medical surge on the hospital.



The next **Northwest Healthcare Coalition (NW HCC) Membership Meeting** will be held Tuesday, December 14th at 1:30 pm. Please register for this meeting on KS Train using course number 1084798. In order to promote the NW HCC and to recognize its members, the NW HCC created window clings for member organizations to use to proudly display their Member in Good Standing status. Window clings are given to new members along with welcome packets to further introduce new members to the NW HCC.



The next **SC HCC Membership Meeting** will be held next Wednesday, December 15th starting at 9:30 am on TEAMS. Please use KS-Train ID #1098828 for registration.

The importance of establishing relationships before a disaster strikes, is emphasized in the South Central region. Members know each other and especially during the pandemic, have called each other regularly to help with stress and frustration.



The next **SEKS HCC Membership Meeting** will be held December 14th at 10:00 am. Please use #1092952 to register on KS-Train for the meeting. Your Executive Committee is sponsoring Trivia prizes and drawings as well as prizes for the worst / best dressed holiday ensemble. Annual elections and coalition plans will be reviewed. You won't want to miss this meeting!

The SEK HCC Executive Committee recommends that coalitions focus on interdisciplinary strategies/trainings such as Stop the Bleed, Mental Health First Aid or other topics of interest that will bring benefit to all members. This helps to break down "silos" of response and assists in collaboration.



SHERT Healthcare Coalition

The next **SHERT HCC Membership Meeting** will be held on January 14th at 10:00 am. Please register on KSTrain using course number, 1089096.

The HCC hosted three identical Compassion Fatigue Seminars and is now following up the course with Compassion Fatigue Self-Care Sessions to be held via Zoom. Having the training repeated on different days and times enabled many to attend who otherwise would have missed it. The follow-up sessions are also repeated and are assisting attendees to apply the concepts learned.



HCC Workplan Items Due:

- 12/31 - The Final Governance Document approved by the HCC is sent to KDHE and distributed to members.
- 12/31 - the HCC Executive Committees are to identify the type of resources to be included for a response to an emergency
- 12/31 - The HCC Inventory Management Plan is to be reviewed and updated.
- 12/31 - the HCC is to have provided one training session organized and conducted by HCC Subject Matter Experts on PPE types, storage and proper usage.
- 12/31 - The HCC and Clinical Advisor(s) are to review the current Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and identify all risks and impacts consistent with the HCC region. The document is to be reviewed and approved by the HCC and submitted to KDHE and distributed to HCC members.
- 1/15 - Work Plan results, project updates and performance measure data is to be gathered for submission along with quarterly fiscal reports to KDHE. Draft 2022-2023 Budget is created and approved by the HCC, sent to KDHE and distributed to HCC members.



Resource Reminder

Telemed equipment is available on a first come, first served basis. Please use the following link to access the application for the **free equipment**:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

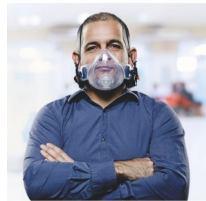
SCK HCC Bragging Rights

Skip Cowan, the Chair of the South Central Healthcare Coalition, has been the Chair for the last 4-5 years. He has been faithfully serving despite numerous challenges. Skip does a great job helping keep everyone on track and equipment maintained. Skip works full-time with the Harvey County Health Department as their Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

Respirator Resources

Considering additional means of respirator protection? Clean Space[™] offers this alternative: [CleanSpace-The-Real-Cost-Of-Disposables-ROW pdf - Bing](#)

The HALO is currently being used by several of other Kansas facilities. See their flyer with the following link: [Salesforce](#).



These resources are not specifically endorsed by HCCs.

Did You Know....



The first White Castle restaurant was opened in Wichita in 1921?



The first Pizza Hut also opened in Wichita. In 1958. Dan & Frank Carney who were brothers and students at WSU, borrowed \$600 from their mother and opened the first Pizza Hut.



As of 10/2020, the population of Wichita was 395,000 people making it the 51st most populous city in the US.

Who Am I???

I am responsible for ensuring that the affected public receives accurate and timely information during an emergency. I verify all statements with the Incident Commander prior to giving them out to the Public. I work during non-emergency and emergency situations to develop rapport with the area media. I work ahead of time, developing statements for any number of disaster events. I develop working relationships with area media outlet. In case of emergency, Danielle Marten, is willing to hold this position for your coalition. Who am I? (Answer hidden in this box.)

"December is the toughest month of the year. Others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, October, August, and February." - Mark Twain



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