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A Kansas Metro Healthcare Coalition Publication

Work Plan Activities

Currently, Healthcare Coalitions in each region throughout Kansas are working diligently on several workplan items. The following are activities we are addressing.

KSMHCC BP2 Work Plan. Our BP2 Work Plan is finalized and available for review on the KSMHCC webpage. We have lots of upcoming projects and activities that will benefit and strengthen the coalition.

KSMHCC BP2 Budget. Our BP2 Budget is being adapted to reallocate the conference registration and travel funds to our coalition cache, Portacount, and member mini grants.

KSMHCC BP2 Training Plan. Our BP2 Training Plan has been completed and posted on our website.

Response Plan. Our coalition currently does not have a

response plan. This is a project due by December 1. Skye will reach out in the next week to request your organization's response plan as a resource in drafting one for the coalition.

Communications Plan. On August 12, we conducted a Redundant Communications Drill to test our coalition's abilities to communicate with each other via email and 800 MHz radio. This test was the first step in our development of a communications plan. Skye will be contacting members to discuss their individual radio use, strengths, and needs.

Essential Elements of Information Survey. Our coalition's EEI survey is due Sept 15. Please respond if you have not yet.

Hazards Survey & Hazards Vulnerability Analysis Tool. The Hazards Survey is

available now and has a due date of September 11; the tool will be made available by the following day, due September 25. The HVA is due October 1 and this will give our Clinical Advisor a few days to review it. *Prizes for each member who completes the Hazards Tool and HVA Survey!!*

[Complete the Survey here!](#)

Mini Grants. After the HVA Tool is completed and analyzed, Mini Grant applications will be available.

K-SERV. Register online for rapid credential verification and quick response throughout Kansas.

Statewide Coalition Website & Library. The Kansas Coalition website provides information about the coalition and the community we serve as well as regularly updated information, resources, tools, and library on COVID-19. Register now: www.kshcc.com!

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Member Spotlight

Jessica Kalender-Rich, MD is an associate professor at the University of Kansas Medical Center specializing in geriatric medicine. She is the Post-Acute Medical Director for the University of Kansas Health System and the Medical Director of two area nursing facilities. When it became clear to Dr.

Kalender-Rich that COVID-19 was going to have a large impact on nursing facilities, she partnered with Wyandotte County and later Johnson County to create a Regional Taskforce for LTC in COVID-19. The taskforce has since created several materials that have been shared with local

communities and has reached out to include members from Leavenworth and Sedgewick counties. The goal is to partner both for decision making and also to share information, create protocols, and empower nursing facilities in this trying time.



Articles for long-term care preparedness

[Infection prevention disaster preparedness planning for long-term care facilities](#) (Volkman, et. al., 2011).

A literature review and Internet search were conducted in September 2010. A spreadsheet was created with infection prevention topics for disaster plans that were identified. Recommendations were divided into themes/domains for simplification and clarity.

Whereas there were multiple publications related to the difficulties and risk factors LTCFs face in disasters, there were no publications that specifically addressed infection prevention in disasters or planning specific to infection prevention concerns in disasters in long-term care. LTCF administrators or others responsible for disaster planning in LTCFs are encouraged to use this article as a guide to developing comprehensive infection prevention

policies and protocols for their emergency operations plan. [Read More >](#)

[An oxymoron of long-term care-Sheltering-in-place during an evacuation: A literature review of the best practices of evacuation and sheltering-in-place for long-term care facilities](#) (Baxter, 2017).

These facilities require comprehensive emergency planning to provide the best response to the threat of a disaster for their residents. However, LTCFs are often overlooked in disaster planning, leaving them to work independently to create suitable arrangements in the event of a disaster. This article examines the literature on evacuating and compares it to the literature on sheltering-in-place for LTCFs. Conclusions regarding best practices are also provided. [Read More >](#)

[Improving Long-Term Care Facility Disaster: Preparedness and Response: A Literature Review](#) (Pierce, MD, et. al, 2017).

Long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and their residents are especially susceptible to disruptions associated with natural disasters and often have limited experience and resources for disaster planning and response. Previous reports have offered disaster planning and response recommendations. We could not find a comprehensive review of studied interventions or facility attributes that affect disaster outcomes in LTCFs and their residents. [Read More >](#)

[Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes](#) (CMS, Aug 2020). [Read More >](#)

Resources

Kansas Healthcare Coalitions work hard to be a valuable and first go-to for resources and information for COVID-19. Many resources and current data, including direct links to reference sites, can be found on a dedicated page on our website: <https://www.kshcc.com/covid-19-resources.html>.

[Testing Preparedness of EMS Personnel in Identification and Decompression of Tension Pneumothorax using High Fidelity Simulation--A Pilot Study.](#) (Rishpathak, 2019). [Read More >](#)

[EMS in a Post-COVID World: From PPE use to disinfecting practices, a look at potential long-term strategy adoption.](#) (Gerard, 2020). [Read More >](#)

[Preparing for an active shooter event in the health care setting.](#) (Hauk, 2018). [Read More >](#)

CDC Healthcare Preparedness Toolbox [More info >](#)

[Associations between psychosocial work factors and provider mental well-being in emergency departments: A systematic review.](#) (Schneider, 2018) [Read More >](#)

The [Peer Assessment Toolkit](#) is to support collaborative efforts to learn from singular events. The peer assessment process is designed to engage public health and other professionals in the analysis of a public health system's response to an emergency, by identifying root causes of successes and failures, and highlighting lessons that can be institutionalized by the responding public health system and others to improve future responses.

Drafting Effective Policies. [Read More >](#)

[Conceptualizing and Defining Public Health Emergency Preparedness](#) (Nelson, et al., 2007). [Read More >](#)

[Ethical Guidance for Disaster Response, Specifically Around Crisis Standards of Care: A Systematic Review](#) (Leider et al., 2017). [Read More >](#)

[Workplace CERT Program Starter Guide.](#) A CERT program can increase workplace resilience by increasing personal preparedness, allowing employees to return to work more quickly after a disaster. [Check it out >](#)

Epidemiology Courses

- Basic Epidemiology. KS Train 1049877
- Cause and Effect in Epidemiology. KS Train 1016817
- Measuring Risk in Epidemiology KS Train 1016814

COVID-19 Resources

KDHE COVID-19 Update for Local Partners, August 20, 2020

[View Webinar >](#)

The next KDHE COVID-19 Update for Local Partners webinar will take place next Thursday, 8-27-20, at 10:00am.

[Register Now >](#)

CDC Preparedness Tools for Healthcare Professionals and Facilities Responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19). [More Info >](#)

[KDHE Provider Resources](#)

[KHA Resources & Updates](#)

KDHE Provider Calls
Thursdays 10am

The US Environmental Protection Agency provides key resources on COVID-19. [Read More >](#)

Don & Doff PPE Posters & Fact Sheets
[Download Now >](#)

Kansas Resource Guide for COVID-19
[Read More >](#)

Interim NIOSH Training for Emergency Responders: Reducing Risks Associated with Long Work Hours.
[Online Training >](#)

Training Opportunities

CDC's Antibiotic Stewardship Training Series. CE/CEU Eligible. KS Train 3687.
[More Info >](#)

Pushing the Restart Button on Your EMS Education Program. September 14. [Register Online >](#)

EMS Today – The JEMS Conference and Exposition. San Antonio, Texas. March 10-13, 2021. [Check it out >](#)

Pediatric Training: Scenarios in Seconds. The KSMHCC Cache now has a library item for training individuals and groups on Medical and Trauma scenarios. Contact Skye or Eli to check it out.

EagleMed/LifeStar of Kansas Stroke Education and Awareness online webinar. Sept 14 & 21. [Register Here >](#)

Training for 800MHz radios is available for your organization. Contact JL for additional information. JL Ellis, KDEM Interoperability Trainer. 785.646.5171
jimmy.l.ellisjr.nfg@mail.mil

KDEM Trng - PER 335 - Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks Course. KS Train ID 1089053.

Kansas Initiative for Stroke Survival (KISS) Bootcamp. CE/CEU Eligible. Registration Deadline Sept 1. [Informational Flyer >](#)

Crisis Leadership & Resilience: A Trauma-Informed Approach to COVID-19 Response. [View Webinar >](#)

Avoiding COVID-19 Burnout: Self-care and Resiliency for Public Health Leaders. Sept 10. [Register Now >](#)

What Can We Learn from Crisis? Leadership, Post-Traumatic Growth and COVID-19. Sept 24. [Register Now >](#)

KDHE Preparedness Program BP2 Monthly Webinars [Review Schedule >](#)

Responder Safety [View Courses >](#)

KSMHCC Meeting

Our last meeting was last week, August 19th. We reported on several on-going and upcoming projects and activities. Thank you for your attendance and participation. At each meeting, we have a unique opportunity to share and learn from one another. All materials are also on the KSHCC website.

Aug 19 Meeting Minutes (website) [Review for Approval >](#)

Aug 19 Attendance (website) [Review >](#)

Here are the documents we talked about and shared during the meeting.

Kansas Coalition Cache. [View Flyer>](#)

CleanSpace Halo PAPR. [Read More >](#)

Radio Mutual Aid Guide. [View Guide >](#)

Radio Crosswalk Guide. [View Guide >](#)

Mr. Christopher Riccardi on 15 'til 50 MCI Program. See Presentation Materials [Watch Presentation >](#)

Next Meeting:

October 27, 2020
1pm – 3pm
Zoom Meeting

Register online: KS Train 1092673

Agenda: Available Soon

Members in Action

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment

Since April, JCDHE has conducted more than 15,000 COVID-19 tests for people who work and/or live in Johnson County. We have conducted 9 community-wide drive through testing sites, with nearly 1,000 people attending our largest event. Beginning the last week of July, we have moved to a Monday-Friday drive

thru testing model at one of our health department locations. Each week we offer more than 1,600 appointment slots and have been averaging a little over 1,000 tests per week. Our clinics have been open to both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals since June, and we have seen a steadily

increasing percent positivity from these tests since that time. As the weather improves (and as need dictates), we will likely consider restarting our larger community events once again in an effort to get as much testing into the community as possible.

~ Stephen Maheaux

Menorah Medical Center

Menorah Medical Center is excited to continue progress on their new Neuroscience and Orthopedic Tower. This will expand surgery capacity and offer 32 private patient rooms. We are proud to announce Menorah received the American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines Stroke GOLD

PLUS with Honor Roll Elite recognition this month! Menorah continues alongside all the other healthcare facilities to care for COVID in our community.

Thankfully, this real-life event checks the box for one of the required Joint Commission exercises to test our emergency

operations plan, as we continue to look for the bright spots amid the pandemic.

~ Tiffany Mason

Santa Marta

Here at Santa Marta we obviously, as with all healthcare entities, have been focusing strongly on our infection control practices. When the pandemic first hit, we set up our COVID unit and once it was constructed, we decided to

do a real time walk through in the event that we have positive cases in house. Our team did a terrific job and I can't say enough about how well our employees, specifically our nurses and nurse's aides, have responded and

adapted to the pandemic. We really would not be where we're at today without their dedication and hard work.

~ Brian Haase

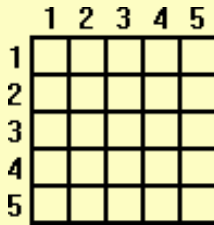
"Gratitude is the key to happiness."

- Dennis Prager



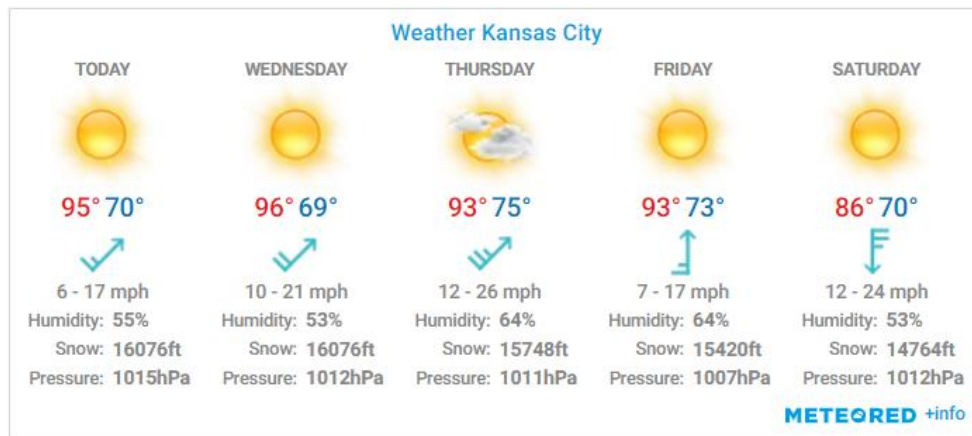
**"I think today is a do-nothing day.
I did enough something yesterday."**

Brain Teaser



1. sulk walk
2. a type of mostly nocturnal ungulate
3. judge
4. chop fine
5. feather maintenance technique

Weather



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