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Christmas  
Edition

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Dear SHERT Members and Partners,

Christmas is a time for nostalgia and making wonderful memories with both friends and family. Enjoy the fellowship with your loved ones, and cherish the time that is spent with them in this season of loving and sharing. We truly do value and cherish the time that we are able to spend with our SHERT family even though this year has kept us from doing that. We trust that you all are finding that SHERT is able to bring you some sort of peace during these difficult times as we are all leaning on one another.

Please rest assured that all of the Response and Readiness Coordinators across the State of Kansas are fully committed to assisting every coalition for optimal performance during the current COVID pandemic and beyond. We have all learned a lot through this pandemic, and we appreciate your cooperation with us. It is our privilege to serve you now as well as in the upcoming year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Warm Wishes,

*Mindi and Jonathon*

## “Gifts” to Combat COVID 19

The gifts provided by the HCCs are not the typical ones found under your tree, but are nonetheless, super important. Our region has resources that can be obtained by using our online “shopping cart” to order materials. Check out our resources at: [kshcc.com](http://kshcc.com).

Additionally, the HCC Statewide Cache will open soon with additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including nitrile gloves, 3 ply masks, isolation gowns, face shields and N95 Masks. If you are a *Member in Good Standing* with the coalition, you will be able to order and arrange delivery of the needed PPE online, [kshcc.com](http://kshcc.com).

Non-healthcare Entities - Need help getting the PPE needed? Check out the Business PPE Stopgap Program: <https://kdem.kansasgis.org/businessPPE>. Please also reference this press release: <https://governor.kansas.gov/governor-laura-kelly-announces-personalprotective-equipment-program-for-kansas-businesses/>.

As always, if you are in need of resources, unable to obtain them when needed from your vendors, the regional cache or the HCC Statewide Cache, then please contact your local



Christmas gifts came early this year for many receiving the COVID19 Vaccine. Governor Laura Kelly announced that the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine began arriving in Kansas on 12/14. The vaccine has been received in several ultra-cold storage locations across the state. A total of about 24,000 doses is expected. For details about the delivery of the vaccine and the Kansas Vaccination Plan, see website: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/284/COVID-19-Vaccine>.



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# Community Talk / Report-Out



A bi-partisan effort has formed an initiative to regularly communicate critical data to better inform regional and state leaders as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Every Tuesday, reports will be shared from the seven state regions. The information, which will be presented by local health leaders, will inform state leadership about the immediate needs facing communities as they continue to respond to COVID-19. Wichita restaurateur, Jon Rolph, has been asked to chair the seven regional calls. To sign up and receive these discussions weekly, go to (<https://covid.ks.gov/report-outs/>). Have a positive story to share? Please send it to [ksregionalreport@gmail.com](mailto:ksregionalreport@gmail.com). The report out for South West will be at 4:00 pm with our spokespersons for the broadcast, Jenette Schuette, RN, Hodgeman County Health Department and Edith Tarango, RN, Scott County Health Department

## Mission Control App

Mission Control App has in the past been very useful to 30+ hospitals in Kansas for patient transfer. Now, the app has been secured by KDHE for all 124 hospitals in Kansas and is helpful in finding placement for patients. Mission Control calls hospitals to see if able to accept COVID patients. Currently, the app is transfer focused, but will eventually have other features added. The app will extend into the KC Metro area and cover part of the KC, MO area too. The app does not replace EM Resource which tracks bed capacity nor Teletracking via Health & Human Services.

## Update on Our Workplan Due Dates

Thanks to everyone's help in getting the Governance Documents, Revised Response Plan and Preparedness Plan approved so it could be submitted on time. Thanks in advance for your help with the Budget Period 3 Training Plan, Workplan and Budget due January 1, 2021.

## Readiness & Response Coordinators in Kansas

Andrew Conyers has been hired as the new Metro Readiness & Response Coordinator (RRC) covering Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson counties. His background experience includes 5 years in Public Health Preparedness with Johnson County. He has also spent quite a bit of time at MARC in a number of committees working on regional priorities. States Andrew, "I'm looking forward to being a useful resource for the KS Metro Healthcare Coalition members."



### Other RRCs include:



Danielle Marten  
North East RRC



Fred Rinne  
South East RRC



Tami Wood  
North West RRC



Beth Vallier  
N. Central RRC



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S. Central RRC

Other important members of the team: Kerry McCue, COVID 19 Grant Acute to Post Acute Care Project Manager, Jazmine Sauvage, Office Assistant and Charlie Keeton, HCC Statewide Cache Contractor.



Mindi Bremer & Jonathon Blackburn  
South West Co-RRCs



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