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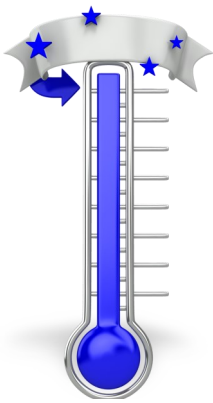
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OUR NEW UPDATE FORMAT

This is our new LOOK for updates: The basic format is produced by our North Central Coalition Coordinator and the other Coordinators add elements that pertain to their Region. These will come your way twice a month. Additional updates and available training will be sent as needed.

Please provide your feedback



Work Plan Progress

Thanks to you and the faithful work of the SEK 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)
- Thursday February 4th at 2:00 CST The Region VII Disaster Health Response Ecosystem (RDHRE) invites to you to next installment of the COVID-19 webinar series titled:

“Exploring Implications of the new COVID Strain”

By Dr. James Lawler



- Our next SEKHCC Meeting will be held by ZOOM on February 23, 2021. You will receive a Calendar meeting request which has all the information needed to register on KSTrain and ZOOM.
- We have been planning a Statewide Healthcare Preparedness Summit for a while but COVID interrupted these plans. We are on track for a Virtual Summit this September 2021. If you have ideas or recommendations to share with the committee planning this event, please contact me or Beth Vallier, nc@hccpkansas.com.



On-Target Resources

- **KHA COVID UPDATE:** See Attachment to Email

- **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** - SEK Reports are given on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. Destany Wheeler, Wilson County Health Department Administrator is one of the presenters 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 Fred, se@hccpkansas.com or Destany Wheeler, for the Report Out.

- **PPE Available** - The SEKHCC has PPE resources for you if needed. We have shoe covers, N-95 masks, disposable and, 3 ply disposable masks, disposable gowns, disposable face shields, 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 using the KDEM form for ordering resources and sent to both me and your County Emergency Manager.

- **PortaCount Machines** - Our region has a Portacount machine with supplies available that can be checked out and used by our members.

- **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://VisitEMS.gov) to see how OEMS can help you with your response.

COORDINATOR UPDATE:

- Recovery from bout with Covid-19 is about 97% at this point. I am fortunate that we have the best healthcare in the state in our region. Thank all of you for all that you do for your communities.
- Retirement: We are getting close to my retirement so if any of you are interested and have questions about the position, please get with me. We will hire a person from the region and I hope it is someone already in our Coalition. Probably in the April time frame we will make the official notification. Just a note, I will miss all of you a bunch.

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