WYANDOTTE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATES

July 17, 2020

UPDATES FROM THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT & THE WYANDOTTE COUNTY HEALTH EQUITY TASK FORCE

Data overview

- Confirmed cases: 3,432
- Deaths: 88
- Number of people tested: 20,554
- Percent who tested positive: 16.7%

See more data, such as breakdown by race and ethnicity, and data on outbreaks, by going to wycokck.org/COVID-19 and clicking the COVID Hub button.

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Contact tracing

With the large increase in cases the past few weeks, keeping up with contact tracing has become more challenging. To address that, the UG Public Health Department recruited additional staff and volunteering to conduct a two-day contact tracing "blitz"

- Called 335 people for contact tracing during "blitz" on Tuesday and Wednesday
- We still have many new cases coming in, so we’re going to do this again next week on July 22 and 23
- We will continue to use a variety of volunteers including other UG employees and KU medical and pharmacy students

Assistance through 3-1-1

Residents and businesses can get help with COVID-19 questions, including medical needs, social needs (such as food assistance), and business questions by calling 3-1-1.

Mask order amendments

Two new mask order amendments for Wyandotte County went into effect starting Wednesday, July 15:

- Masks must be worn during indoor exercise (both organized sports and other indoor exercise, like inside of gyms)
- Masks must be worn in childcare settings by staff and by children over age 5, except when actively eating, drinking, or sleeping.

See Governor Kelly’s Executive Order on masks for Kansas: governor.kansas.gov/executive-order-no-20-52/

See the Local Health Officer Orders regarding masks at wycokck.org/COVID-19

Testing services for people experiencing homelessness

Two special testing events are coming up on July 23 and 24, aimed at providing COVID-19 testing for individuals in our community who are homeless. Other testing services may not be reaching these folks, and we realize that this population may be at increased risk of serious COVID-19 illness. This is also an opportunity to connect people to other services provided by Frank Williams and Cross-Lines. Shelter will be available for individuals who need to quarantine. Testing times:

- Frank Williams Outreach Center, 7th and Nebraska, 8 AM - 10 AM
- Cross-Lines Community Outreach (food pantry), 7th and Shawnee, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Event done in partnership with: the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Emergency Management, Kansas Department for Children & Families, Frank Williams Center, Cross-lines Community Outreach, Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness (GKCCEH), Care Beyond the Boulevard, Kansas City, KS Police Department, the Unified Government Public Health Department, and the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Special thanks to Vibrant Health and Swope Health

Vibrant Health and Swope Health conduct the COVID-19 testing that is done at the "pop-up" testing sites around the County, coordinated in partnership with the Health Equity Task Force. See which clinic is testing at which site on our July pop-up calendar.