Wyandotte County COVID-19 updates
July 2, 2020

Updates from the Unified Government Public Health Department:

- **Data overview**
  - Confirmed cases: 2,336
  - Deaths: 83
  - Number of people tested: 15,294
  - Percent who tested positive: 15.3%
  - 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.
    - Last updated 7/2/2020 at 1 PM.

- **Mask Order for Wyandotte County in effect; Kansas Order beginning Friday, July 3rd**. On July 2, Kansas Governor Kelly issued Executive Order #20-52, requiring most Kansans to wear masks while in public spaces, and in places where individuals are unable to maintain social distancing.
  - Governor Kelly’s Executive Order functions in conjunction with Wyandotte County’s Local Order and will remain in effect until rescinded or until the current statewide State of Disaster Emergency expires – whichever is earlier. The Order goes into effect at 12:01 AM on Friday, July 3.
  - Governor Kelly’s Executive Order obligates businesses and organizations to require individuals entering their space to wear masks. This requirement also goes into effect in Wyandotte County at 12:01 AM on Friday, July 3.
  - The Governor’s Executive Order may be viewed online by clicking here. To view the Wyandotte County Health Order, visit wycokck.org/COVID-19 or click here.

- **WIC remote services extended even longer, through September 30th**. This week the USDA approved an extension of the “physical presence waiver” and other WIC waivers through the end of September, allowing all WIC services to be provided by phone. This extension was announced only a few weeks after the USDA approved an extension through the end of July due to COVID-19. Wyandotte County WIC services are available for new and existing clients at 913-573-6720.

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4th of July COVID-19 Safety

As people around our community are gearing up to celebrate Independence Day, we want to offer a few tips and reminders to help people stay as safe as they can from COVID-19 this holiday weekend:

- Wear a mask, both indoors and outdoors – anywhere you will be around people who do not live in your household
- When eating and drinking, wear a mask beforehand, and put you mask back on immediately after. Clean your hands before taking off and putting on your mask.
- Remember to keep at least 6 feet between yourself and people who don’t live in your household
- These recommendations don’t just apply to large public gatherings – the virus that causes COVID-19 doesn’t care if you’re out in public or simply having a cookout in your backyard. Please take precautions to protect yourself and the people around you, no matter where or how you are celebrating this weekend.
• **We are still hiring contact tracers.** We are hiring COVID Disease Investigators (12-month contract positions, 40 hours a week). Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in a related field and live in WyCo. [Find the full job description here.](#)

• **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.

**Updates from the Wyandotte County Health Equity Task Force:**

• **The Health Equity Task Force set its pop-up testing schedule for July.** Upcoming testing events include:
  - All Saints Parish, 811 Vermont Ave, KCK
    - July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th
    - 8 AM – 11 AM
  - Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 16 S Iowa St, KCK
    - July 9th and July 23rd
    - 10 AM – 1 PM
  - Quindaro Community Center, 2627 Brown Ave, KCK
    - July 16th and 30th
    - 10 AM – 1 PM
  - Oak Ridge Baptist Church, 9301 Parallel Pkwy, KCK
    - July 20th and 27th
  - Zotung Christian Church, 5010 Parallel Pkwy, KCK
    - July 22nd and 29th
    - 8 AM – 11 AM

• **Special testing events coming up for people experiencing homelessness:**
  - Cross-Lines, 736 Shawnee Ave, KCK
    - July 23rd and 24th
    - 8 AM – 10 AM
  - Frank Williams Outreach Center, 1201 N 7th St, KCK
    - July 23rd and 24th
    - 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

• **More testing info:**
  - Find testing flyers and graphics for next week’s pop-up testing sites attached to this email. Please share through your social media and other outlets!

• **Interested in covering a story** about pop-up testing or learning more about the work of the Health Equity Task Force? Let us know!
  - Contact Janell Friesen: [jfriesen@wycokck.org](mailto:jfriesen@wycokck.org)

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**What messages are missing?**

We are building up our Health Equity Task Force Communications efforts around COVID-19. We want to hear from area media folks – in your work, what messages do you think are missing or need further clarification in Wyandotte County and the Kansas City Metro Area?

Let us know! Email [jfriesen@wycokck.org](mailto:jfriesen@wycokck.org)