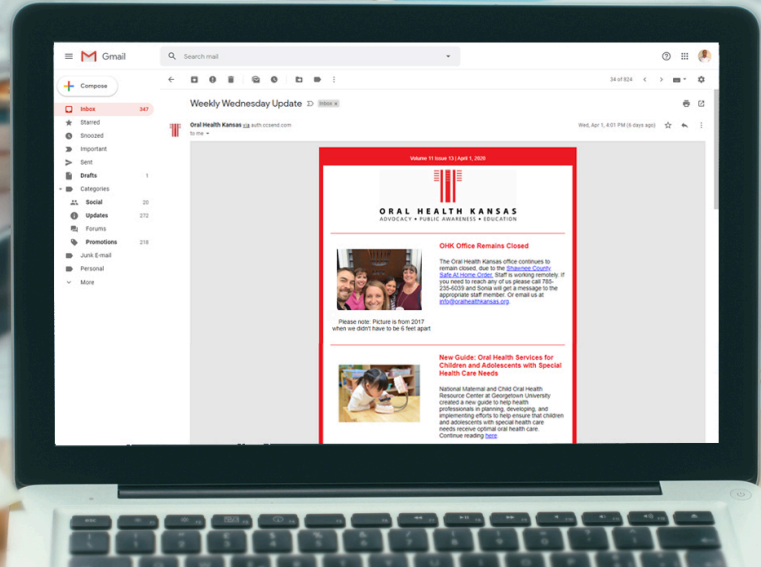




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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Eight Days Away! Register to Get Your Seat!

Wow! Staff is getting really excited that we are eight days away from our annual conference. The Conference on Oral Health brings together so many people from around the state and nationally that are working on improving oral health. It gathers providers, students, advocates, educators, community volunteers and so many more together to share what we can do better in our state and what we can work on as a group to make sure oral health is at the forefront.



Have you registered to reserve your seat on Friday, November 8? We'll be in person at the Kansas State University Olathe Campus, 22201 W Innovation Drive, or you can watch via Zoom. Registration is \$125 and \$20 for students. Registration will be available on site on November 8, but the prices will go up. Both registration options will give you access to all sessions and

meals.

After you register, here are some important things to know:

- You can park in the north or south parking lot, but registration will be located at the north entrance. Parking is free!
- Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30am. Grab your name tag and other items at the registration table.
- First session begins at 8:30am and the day concludes at 3:30pm.
- Recommended attire is business casual. Remember that conference rooms can be chilly, so you may want to bring a sweater or jacket.
- If you signed up to attend virtual, we'll be sending out an email with the information at a later date.
- There will be up to 5.5 CEs available.

Register [here](#) soon. Spots are filling up fast!



Don't Miss These Dates and Get Your Vote In!

Election day is just around the corner, Tuesday, November 5, when Kansans will vote for a president, as well as a variety of local and state officials. Every member of the Kansas Legislature is up for election this year. We hope you registered to vote! October 15 was the last day to register to vote and advanced voting began October 16. Mail

ballots will be sent to voters who requested them, and in-person advance voting begins.

Remember these important dates:

- Monday, November 4: In-person advance voting ends at 12 pm.
- Tuesday, November 5: Election Day! The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm.
- Friday, November 8: Deadline for election offices to receive mail ballots, which must be postmarked by election day.

Let us know if you have any election season questions at info@oralhealthkansas.org



Trick or Treat!

We know everyone enjoys Trick or Treating. We can't tell you NOT to eat candy but what we can do is remind you that tooth decay affects a child's ability to eat, speak, learn, smile, sleep, and play. Thank you to [Tooth Talk](#) for these helpful reminders!

1. Limit the sticky and gooey goodies, which stick to little teeth longer and are harder to brush away. Choosing chocolate is always a safer bet!

2. It's OK to let kiddies enjoy their candy in moderation on

Halloween, then put it away, sharing a treat every now and then.

3. Save the Halloween haul for dessert only, after a nutritious meal.

4. Beware of choking hazards for little ones under the age of three: Remove all round hard candy.

5. Brush little teeth with safe and healthy children's fluoride toothpaste.

6. Make sure little ones visit the dentist by their first birthday to ensure a healthy smile for many Halloweens to come!

National Brush Day is November 1, the day after Halloween. Brush your teeth twice a day, with fluoride toothpaste, not just on National Brush Day!



United Healthcare is Hiring a Dental Director

The Dental Director is responsible for oversight of clinical management and review activities in accordance with individual member plans and clinical review guidelines. They are responsible for improving the quality and efficiency of oral

healthcare in their respective program and are responsible for organizing all assigned dental professionals towards functional objectives.

If you are a resident within the state of Kansas, you will have the flexibility to work remotely as you take on some tough challenges.

You can learn more about the job on their website by clicking [here](#).



Upcoming Events

- Course: An Introduction to Value-Based Care in Oral Health: Moving from Volume to Value, 1 CE. Click [here](#) for the course information.
- Self paced courses: [Providing Oral Health Care to Autistic Individuals](#) and [Caring for Individuals with Disabilities: Practical Considerations for Dental Providers](#).
- [2024 Conference on Oral Health](#) will be Friday, November 8 at the Kansas State Olathe Campus, 22201 W Innovation Dr., Olathe, KS.

If you would like to add your event to this list, email info@oralhealthkansas.org.



This week the Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition shared tricks and treats with kids at the [Pine Ridge Prep](#) Parents as Teachers Trick or Treat event. Dozens of kids in costume received toothbrushes from the

Coalition and learned about sugary drinks. They also received lots of high fives for learning about making good drink choices. Thanks to [Delta Dental of Kansas](#) for supplying Smile Kits for the Coalition to share with kids and families.





Sugary Drink Display

We have Adult and Children's Sugary Drink Display's available for reservations. These displays are eye catching at exhibits, schools, library, dental offices, clinics and just about anywhere you see them!

We only have a limited amount so please sign up soon if you're interested in reserving one. Click [here](#) to learn more about sugary drink display reservations!

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