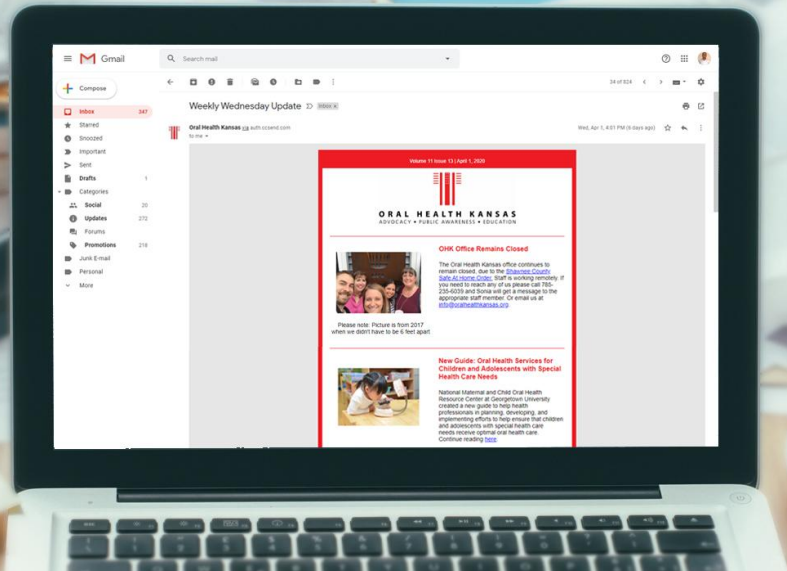




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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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## We'll See You There!

We're excited that our annual conference is finally here! Our conference will begin the evening of Thursday, November 3 with a **FREE** reception to honor this year's Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion. The reception is open to anyone who wants to attend!

The full day Conference on Oral Health will be on **Friday, November 4**. You can attend virtually or in person. Sessions will be **recorded** and you can watch them at a later time if you are not able to attend on the same day. Although attending the same day will ensure your questions get answered!

The sessions begin at 8:30am and go until 4:30pm. Registration begins at 7:30am. The conference will allow you to receive up to **11.5 CE's**, including our pre-conference sessions held in October. Those sessions are recorded and will be on our [website](#) for you to view. The conference sessions this year are topics **past attendees requested** to learn more about.

Registration is \$125 and \$15 for students.

A fully packed event day! Here are the session topics:

- Impacting Dental Disparities in Kansas
- Integrating Care for Kansans
- Understanding the History of Racism in Healthcare
- Kansas Policy Landscape for 2023
- Using Equity to Improve Oral Health for Kansans with Disabilities
- New Kansas Dental Benefits Bring Smiles
- Taking Care of Yourself When the Work Gets Tough

We'll see you on November 3 and November 4 at the Kansas State University Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Drive in Olathe. If you have any questions, please email us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).



## Let's Thank Our Sponsors

As we're getting closer to our event, we wanted to thank our sponsors again for their support. Some of them will be at our conference this Friday. Please thank them for helping us put on our event!

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**Fall Bureau of Oral Health Newsletter**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Oral Health publishes a quarterly newsletter with news around the state. In their fall newsletter, they share information about the expanded Medicaid dental benefits and a FAQ's to help answer your questions.

Also check out the section about the projects OHK is collaborating with the Bureau of Oral Health. We have been working on expanding the Brush Book Bed project and brought a Colorado based program to Kansas, Cavity Free at Three.

The Bureau of Oral Health is looking for dentists and dental hygienists to complete school-based dental screenings across the state. Learn more and [read](#) their fall newsletter.



## What to Know for the Election

The November 8th election in Kansas is coming up quickly! We're electing federal, state, and local candidates and also deciding whether or not to retain judges in our highest courts. It will be a tricky ballot, *and a long one*, in part because political districts changed this year based on 2020 census data and because we have two more constitutional amendments.

As oral health advocates and public health professionals you don't need to be reminded that your vote is important. But have you considered that you are likely the best person in your own personal network to make the case that voting is good for the health of our communities? **In fact, the American Medical Association acknowledged voting as a social determinant of health just earlier this year.**

Early voting opened across the state on October 19, and many counties even offer Saturday voting options before the election. Voters can find their early voting locations and hours of operation at [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org). Just use the "Make a Plan to Vote" button at the top right of the site.

- You can find information about your candidates and the constitutional amendments at The Voter Network's nonpartisan ballot guide [KSBallot.org](https://ksballot.org), which can also be accessed in Spanish at [KSBoleta.org](https://ksboleta.org).
- **Election day voters can find their polling places at KSBallot.org as well.** All polling locations are open by 7 a.m. (in Sedgwick County they open at 6 a.m.!) and are open until 7:00 p.m.
- Here is some helpful information to help you prepare for what is on the ballot. You can find it in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

If you have any questions as we move through this election season, feel free to email them to [contact@thevoternetwork.org](mailto:contact@thevoternetwork.org), and they can help you find the answer.



## Health in the 34th Podcast

Our friends at the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas have a new podcast out, Health in the 34th. It will feature special guests and storytellers from the

coverage gap and keep you up to date on the latest in health policy in Kansas. They will release a new episode every other Wednesday.

Their first podcast was October 19 with April Holman sharing what Alliance for a Healthy Kansas does, what Medicaid expansion is and how it would help Kansans.

You can hear the podcast for free on various systems (Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple podcasts, Google podcasts, Samsung podcasts, Pandora, iHeart Radio, etc). Click [here](#) for the podcast.



## Upcoming Events

- **2022 Conference on Oral Health:** Friday, November 4. Conference will be a hybrid event. Thursday, November 3: Dental Champions Reception.
- Healthy Kansas Advocacy Community Zoom meeting, November 9, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Click [here](#) to register.

### Deadlines to remember for General Election: November 8: General Election



Last week, Whitney Zamora ended her term as OHK board member. She has represented the Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association on the board since late 2019. Last year she joined us in another capacity as an MPH intern, and she produced our [Advocacy Toolkit](#). She's been a great champion for us, and it's been so exciting to watch her career grow over the past three years. We'll miss her but we appreciate all of the work she has done to help OHK grow!





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