



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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Welcome Back Sugary Drink Displays!

After a long hiatus, the Sugary Drink Displays are making their come back. We have adult sugary drink displays and child sugary drink displays available for reservations. There is a high demand for our displays therefore

reservations are limited for up to 30 days unless other arrangements have been made. Shipping is reimbursed once the display is returned to us.

Adult drink displays contain:

- 10 beverages
- 10 baby food jars with labels on the bottom to match with beverages
- Labels to be attached to the toothbrushes on the beverages
 - There is Velcro on the toothbrushes and the labels
- 4 sets of “Tips and Tricks” handouts
- (1) 11 X 17 large poster, 2 small posters with stand
- One sugar jar explanation sign
- Mouth model upon request

Child drink displays contain:

- 10 beverages
- 10 baby food jars with labels on the bottom to match with beverages
- 1 envelope with labels to be attached to the toothbrushes on the beverages
 - There is Velcro on the toothbrushes and the labels
- 4 sets of “Tips and Tricks”
- (1) 11 X 17 large poster, 2 small posters with stands
- One sugar jar explanation sign
- 2 children’s books
- Mouth model with large toothbrush upon request

Reservations fill up FAST. If you want to request a sugary drink display, fill out the request form [here](#). If you have questions, email Sonia at solmos@oralhealthkansas.org.



National Nonprofit Day

National Nonprofit Day falls on August 17 and is celebrated to recognize the importance of nonprofit organizations across the country, such as Oral Health Kansas. Since 2003, OHK has worked hard to bring dental care access, awareness and policy change for Kansans.

The COVID pandemic was a layer of difficulty to our work at Oral Health Kansas. It shifted our priorities to respond to the pandemic, created an economic uncertainty that made it difficult to pass positive policy change, and placed strains on our mental capacity. It also put a strain on our grant funding as foundations focused on providing solutions during the pandemic.

We are more than half way through 2022 and are here to say thank you to all of our supporters! OHK continues to be present because of you who believe in our work. Our partnerships with stakeholders, consumers who call us looking for a dental care and the need for oral health education, is what keeps us going each and every day.

If you are interested in getting involved with OHK, you can:

- [Donate!](#)
- Follow and like us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow us and tweet at us on Twitter
- Sign up for our [Weekly Wednesday Update](#) newsletter
- [Share](#) your oral health story

Visit our [website](#) for resources and updates!



Getting Ready for the November Election

Now that the August primary election is past, candidates are gearing up for the general election on November 8. As a reminder, this year all the members of the Kansas House of Representatives are up for election, as are all four members of the Kansas Congressional delegation and the U.S Senate seat Jerry Moran holds. The statewide elected offices also will be on the ballot. Those offices are Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner, and State Treasurer.

Oral Health Kansas is ready to help you get ready to vote this year. Here is a checklist to help you get ready to vote.

1. Check your registration status:

- Click here to check your status: <https://www.ksvotes.org/>
- This page shows your voting location and includes an application for an advance ballot

2. Know the deadlines:

- October 18: Deadline to register to vote in the General Election

- October 19: First day advance by mail ballots are mailed and advance in-person voting may begin
- November 1: Deadline for votes to apply for advance mail ballot
- **November 8: General Election**

3. Check your photo ID. The following are acceptable to meet the photo ID requirements:

- Driver's license or ID card issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- ID card issued by a Native American tribe
- Employee badge or ID issued by a government office
- Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas
- Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state
- Public assistance ID card issued by a government office

[Frequently asked questions about photo ID requirements](#) from the Kansas Secretary of State's Office.

4. Choose how you will vote:

- Vote in advance by mail or at your election/county clerk's office.
- Vote on election day at your local polling place.

5. Research the candidates:

- Find your Kansas House of Representatives district at [Open States](#).
- Learn more about finding your legislators in [Oral Health Kansas' Advocacy Toolkit video](#).
- The [Kansas Secretary of State office](#) maintains the list of all candidates in the 2022 general election.
- [Ballotpedia](#) includes a list of the candidates for statewide offices.
- [Ballotpedia](#) also has a list of the candidates for the Kansas House of Representatives.
- **6. Vote!**

Vot+ER Promotes Civic Engagement

The REACH Foundation connected with **Vot+ER**, a national civic engagement program that works with hospitals and community health centers to expand nonpartisan voter engagement. **Vot+ER** provides health care institutions and providers with tools, training and community resources to register colleagues and patients to vote, bringing providers and

patients together to promote civic engagement and build healthier communities across the United States.



Community health organizations apply to participate in the community civic health program. Vot+ER provides up to \$5,000 to selected health centers to cover staff training and technology costs. The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas and Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center applied to Vot+ER and were accepted! Congratulations!



O'Malley Keynote Speaker for Kansas Public Health Association Conference

The Kansas Public Health Association conference registration is now open! The conference will be on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 9AM-4:30PM in Wichita. Ed O'Malley, Founder of the Kansas Leadership Center and current CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation will be the Keynote Speaker.

The annual conference brings together public health professionals from a variety of disciplines and geographic locations to work together to improve the public health infrastructure in Kansas. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from expert speakers as well as network with colleagues from around the state. The 2022 KPHA Conference theme is 'Engage, Collaborate, Grow: Strengthening the Kansas Public Health System. [Register now!](#)



Upcoming Events

- **Webinar: The Science of Advocacy**, August 18 at 7pm CST. Register [here](#).
- **Webinar: How and Why to Set Up a Successful Medical-Dental Integration Program**, August 18, 12pm CST. Click [here](#) to registration.
- **Webinar: A New Adult Dental Benefits Tracking Tool**, August 25 at 12pm CST. Register [here](#).
- **Webinar: Policy Opportunities for Expanding Coverage of and Access to Oral Health Services**, Wednesday, September 7 at 2pm CST. Click [here](#) to register.

- **Kansas Public Health Association** annual conference, September 29 in Wichita, Kansas. Click [here](#) as more information is shared.
- **Community Care Network of Kansas** annual conference, October 5-7 in Manhattan, Kansas. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **2022 Conference on Oral Health:** Friday, November 4. Conference will be a hybrid event. Thursday, November 3: Dental Champions Reception.



Last Friday the Kansas Dental Board welcomed two new members. Davette McCoy is the newest dental hygienist on the board. She is the Senior Registered Dental Hygienist at [Hunter Health](#) in

Wichita. Davette also was a member of Dental Champions Class VIII in 2016-20217. She is a leader in the dental community in Kansas, and we congratulate Davette on joining the Kansas Dental Board!



Sugary Drink Display

Click [here](#) to learn more about sugary drink display reservations!

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