

060123 Local Partners Update Q&A

<p>Can you tell us where these watersheds are located?</p>	<p>There are 5 sewersheds monitored in Johnson County, 2 sewersheds in Topeka, 1 sewershed in the City of Hutchinson, 1 sewershed in Dodge City, and 1 sewershed in Allen County.</p> <p>You can also see the sewershed locations and some data on the CDC's COVID data tracker for wastewater surveillance:</p> <p><a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#wastewater-surveillance">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#wastewater-surveillance</a></p> <p>Feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions about wastewater surveillance: <a href="mailto:john.anderson@ks.gov">john.anderson@ks.gov</a></p>
<p>Will the KDHE Testing Guidance for schools be updated? It was last updated 9/12/2022.</p>	<p>There are no plans to update right now. The K-12 testing program is still continuing as is.</p>
<p>With the end of the pandemic are we safe to remove our plexiglass barriers in patient registration areas?</p>	<p>That's really a determination for your facility.</p> <p>If you feel that the barriers are still useful for keeping sick patients separate from healthy employees, or vice versa, then you could choose to continue using them.</p> <p>If you feel that the use of the barriers is unnecessary or if you have other prevention measures in place, then you could choose to discontinue using the barriers.</p>
<p>What are the preferred sites for HRIG injection when there is not a wound site?</p>	<p>The deltoid muscle in adults and the lateral thigh in small children or infants.</p>
<p>I went to the new dashboard and TB is not available to view. Will TB be included in this dashboard at a later date?</p>	<p>Yes, TB data (active and latent disease) will be included starting next Wednesday.</p>
<p>I see that chlamydia and gonorrhea are not listed in the infectious disease statistics dashboard. Is there a way to access that data for our county?</p>	<p>Currently, STI data is not included on this report. STI data can be viewed at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/474/Kansas-STI-HIV-Statistics">https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/474/Kansas-STI-HIV-Statistics</a></p> <p>or you can request surveillance data by using the <a href="#">STI/HIV Surveillance Data Request Form</a>.</p>
<p>Will the KDHE Incidence page continue to be updated?</p>	<p>The KDHE COVID case counts will no longer be updated. We are working on a reduced page that will have emergency department data from syndromic surveillance and death data.</p>

<p>Does KDHE have any updates re: CMS's elimination of the healthcare worker vaccine requirement?</p>	<p>KDHE is unaware of any changes that CMS may make to the healthcare worker vaccine requirement for Acute and Continuing Care provider/supplier types. We are however awaiting the publication of the Final Rule in the Federal Register scheduled for June 5, 2023:</p> <p><a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-11449/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-policy-and-regulatory-changes-to-the-omnibus-covid-19-health-care">https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-11449/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-policy-and-regulatory-changes-to-the-omnibus-covid-19-health-care</a></p> <p><b>COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Final Rule</b></p> <p>CMS finalized staff education requirements while ending the COVID-19 staff vaccination requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. These provisions were included in the “COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID) Residents, Clients, and Staff” IFC, published May 13, 2021. The Requirements for Long-term Care Facilities/Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) to provide education about and to offer COVID-19 vaccines to residents, clients, and staff will continue and are an important mitigation tool against COVID-19 as the health care system shifts away from the PHE phase of the pandemic.</p>
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