

October 7, 2021 Update for Local Partners Q&A

<p>Would like to know if others are having problems with people being tested and coming back negative. Symptoms are fever, cough, HA, sinus and chest congestion, nausea and body aches. They are also getting tested with a biofire and it is coming back neg. Are the labs looking at the fact that the covid may have mutated out to the point of not being picked up with current testing?</p>	<p>Both FDA and test manufacturers look at the possible mutations and the method of detection for each test. At this point none of the mutations appear to impact the ability of the tests to detect SARS-CoV-2 virus. Periodically we will attempt to perform a whole genome sequence on a negative sample to see if there is something that was not picked up by the diagnostic test. This is not a routine screening being done by the state lab, but nationally and internationally, if anyone detects a SARS-CoV-2 viral genome that is missing the detection points of analytical tests, it would be notified by FDA and manufacturer.</p>
<p>For schools who have not adopted the test to stay, is modified quarantine still an option?</p>	<p>We no longer have the "modified quarantine" option from the last school year. You'll remember that involved cohorting the quarantined classroom, having separate entry and exit times, and essentially a lot of other measures to try to keep quarantined kids separate. The modified quarantine now relies heavily on the testing strategy and masking rather than those other measures.</p>
<p>The biggest argument I am reading and hearing against getting the vaccine is, "I already have had Covid, so I am naturally immune". This is also the argument from some of our U.S. and State Senators and Representatives. Obviously, natural immunity is misunderstood. Does KDHE plan to start putting out information and studies on natural immunity, especially when related to Covid?</p>	<p>We have talked about natural immunity versus vaccine immunity quite a bit on this webinar. I presented a literature review several weeks ago as well and that would be included in the slide decks. We are also working on compiling an analysis of literature on several different topics including immunity and masking. When that is ready, we will post online and keep it updated with new literature.</p>
<p>Where do I find maps with school aged cases and vaccination rates?</p>	<p>https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas Then click on Covid 19 Metrics. There are lots of boxes/links to click on that page. The school info box has an image of a school bus and says, "new case and vaccination rates by school district." Then there are multiple tabs as options to look at the different maps.</p>
<p>Links to the MMWR articles</p>	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7036e1.htm?_cid=mm7036e1_w</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7036e2.htm?_cid=mm7036e2_w</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7040e3.htm?_cid=mm7040e3_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM67296&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20October%205%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM67296</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7040e2.htm?s</p>

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Where are we at with the mandate regarding health care personnel being vaccinated for COVID? Any word on maybe using testing instead of vaccination?	CMS has not yet published the rules and we do not have a time line for this.
FQHC requesting that I order vaccine for them, is that okay?	Are they a provider? Why would they not order directly? If they are a provider, you could order and transfer but not sure why the extra step would be needed. Please reach out to your Regional Immunization Consultant to discuss in more detail.
Web link for the vaccine order form	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QY82P6
Is there any indication that Moderna will be shipped with 1mL syringes once boosters are approved to ensure appropriate dosing of a 0.25mL dose?	Moderna 14 kits have 1cc
Are there any recommendations for those that are eligible for a booster vaccine but also recently had confirmed COVID? (I have someone that is only 1-2 weeks out from recovery and is asking for information.)	<p>People should be offered vaccination regardless of their history of symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection; this includes people with prolonged post-COVID-19 symptoms. Data from clinical trials indicate that the currently approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines can be given safely to people with evidence of a prior SARS-CoV-2 infection.</p> <p>Vaccination of people with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and they have met criteria to discontinue isolation. This recommendation applies to people who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine dose and those who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose of an mRNA vaccine but before receipt of subsequent doses.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2F%2F%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations.html#CoV-19-vaccination</p>
Who can I check with to make sure my vaccine order went through?	Please send email to kdhe.vaccine.ks.gov
What are the best practices for adults that have had Covid, with or without vaccine on board? Get vaccinated or not?	Get vaccinated! The weight of the scientific evidence shows a more robust immune response from vaccine versus natural immunity. Also, there is some literature suggesting that people

	that had natural disease plus immunity from vaccine are even more protected.
If I am doing a CTP program through our hospital, do I need a CoW to do this?	If the hospital has you and the tests you perform listed in their CLIA certificate, then probably not. You can operate under their certificate, but you should verify they are covering your activities.
The FQHC states that they have to order a large amount from wherever they are getting their vaccine and they will not be able to use that amount.	Please tell them to order the same way you do at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QY82P6
Is there any recommendation on someone getting a Pfizer booster that just had natural disease? Should they wait a determined amount of time before getting the booster?	<p>People should be offered vaccination regardless of their history of symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection; this includes people with prolonged post-COVID-19 symptoms. Data from clinical trials indicate that the currently approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines can be given safely to people with evidence of a prior SARS-CoV-2 infection.</p> <p>Vaccination of people with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should be deferred until the person has recovered from the acute illness (if the person had symptoms) and they have met criteria to discontinue isolation. This recommendation applies to people who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection before receiving any vaccine dose and those who experience SARS-CoV-2 infection after the first dose of an mRNA vaccine but before receipt of subsequent doses.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2F covid-19%2Finfo-by-product%2Fclinical-considerations.html#CoV-19-vaccination</p>
Where can I find a consent form to use with Pfizer booster doses? Or is it necessary?	A special consent form is not required. Use of your regular consent process applies.
For those with mandated testing for employees, is there a standing order for testing that can be used so employees can go to community locations to test?	https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1855/Standing-Order-C-19-Testing_No-Pre-Existing-Conditions-PDF
I have a daycare asking about rapid testing for under 2 years old and I can't find anything. Most seem to be 2 and above. Are there any approved under 2 rapid tests?	It isn't necessarily that the EUA for the rapid tests say you can't use them in children under 2 years old. It is a matter of the provider being comfortable collecting a good sample from a child that young.
the regencov was packaged differently and can now get 2 doses out of the vials- so how do we count this now?	Count as two if it is the 11.1mL vials.
What does that LabExchange reporting to patient look like? We did an event this weekend that allowed us to do many tests; however, we have not seen anyone who has received emailed results although emails were checked to be sent. Have even looked in junk mail. Lab	<p>The patient should get an email identifying "Patient Connect" and a link to go to the Patient Connect website...the patient registers and should see results.</p> <p>If you will send a note to KDHE.KHEL_Help@ks.gov we can troubleshoot and see if there was an error. (note, we did have</p>

Exchange show results on Tuesday evening but no results at this time to patients.	one set of tests we identified yesterday that had not been configured right, so maybe that was the issue.)
The CDC requires testing of unvaccinated residents and staff based on county transmission rate. Does it specify PCR vs. point of care testing?	I assume you are talking about the CMS mandated testing of staff in LTCFs in counties with high transmission rates. I don't believe they specify PCR or antigen testing but you should check with CMS guidance to be sure.
When you have a multi dose vial of the Regen-Cov does the vial have to be used in the same day? Or once the vial is punctured does it need to be discarded?	It can be pulled into a syringe and saved for a few hours. The product insert should have specifics.
How long is the Regen good for with the 2 dose vials. meaning if you have one getting it and have one dose left do you mix it in the bag and put in the fridge or how do you do that and then if so, how long is the second dose good for once the vial is penetrated?	A day or two. The product insert should have specifics.
we received 30 extra vials of bam- without the et to go with it?	Feds are trying to get products shipped out as quickly as possible. It may not be coming from the same distribution point, but it may be shipping from 2 separate locations.
IS there an expiration date extension on Moderna vaccine?	Please check their vaccine expiry site https://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/vial-lookup
Any forecast on what the next flu season looks like? When Possible covid surge?	It is too early to know for sure and since last year was very different for flu it is hard to predict. Use of masks help with preventing flu as well. We do not have a good prediction on the next Covid surge but the more people that get vaccinated will help decrease that surge.