

6-3-21 COVID-19 Update for Local Partners Q&A

<p>How easy would it be to stand the EOC back up?</p>	<p>It can be done quickly enough. Responding to a tornado, for example. But we do lose National Guard troops, contract nursing contracts expire, etc.</p>
<p>Is the calculated death toll for the entire time frame of the pandemic or what time frame? Just curious what the count is for 2021.</p>	<p>(February 1–August 31, 2020), an estimated 8.7–12.9 excess deaths per 1,000 patients or 6,953–10,316 excess deaths in a population of 798,611 U.S. ESRD patients occurred.</p>
<p>What is the name again of the council that makes those decisions?</p>	<p>LCC. Legislative Coordinating Council.</p>
<p>Does the end of the emergency declaration mean funding for the Unified Testing Strategy will cease? Kind of focusing on nursing homes who are mandated to test.</p>	<p>Testing will continue as is, at least for the foreseeable future.</p>
<p>Is WEBIZ showing or accepting kids 12 to 15 that have gotten COVID shots? Local providers told us they are not seeing those in WebIZ even after giving them and trying to update those records for that age group.</p>	<p>Yes, they are accepted and showing in WebIZ. If you could send me a specific example, I can have it investigated.</p>
<p>We have both rapid antigen and rapid PCR testing available at our clinic. Can I assume that PCR is best for testing symptomatic patients in almost all cases, unless someone has recently recovered from covid-19? In the latter, is it better to check an antigen test (instead of vs in addition to pcr testing) if within 3? 4? 5? months since covid-19 infection to look for active infection? thanks for your guidance!</p>	<p>Yes, you are correct that the PCR is the best choice for someone who maybe had infection a long time ago or if it is a new infection. If you have a patient with recent infection, say within three months, but yes we do see people continue to shed beyond that, an antigen test would be better to tell you if they are currently infectious.</p>
<p>If an immunocompromised patient was vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine (Moderna) and tests with no immunity, can they receive a J&J or Pfizer to try to obtain immunity</p>	<p>There is no recommendation to do this.</p>
<p>Does KDHE have an idea when J&J will be available again from CDC? Does KDHE still have J&J stock remaining that we can continue to order?</p>	<p>There is no J&J being distributed from the manufacturer in the US at this time. We do have some available at KDHE to distribute, but it will expire June 25th.</p>
<p>Farah, do you know of any studies that directly, prospectively assess asymptomatic carriage in those vaccinated (and over time)?</p>	<p>There is a cohort study of healthcare workers and first responders that has continued to test the same cohort over and over after they have been vaccinated to look at vaccine efficacy. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7013e3.htm and https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7020e2.htm. Is that what you are looking for?</p>

When looking at COVID data on the KDHE website, specifically the variant section....is the total per county a cumulative total? Does the state receive variant information from out of state labs sequencing cases from Kansas?	The website includes all sequence data that has been reported to the surveillance system. This includes some out of state labs as well as other commercial labs.
How will we keep the samples cold in the lock boxes?	You may need to pack them with cold packs just like you would for commercial shipping. I would also recommend that you don't put them in the box until towards the end of the day, so they are not sitting there all day in the possible heat.
I have a healthcare worker that was working in Saudi Arabia and received one dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Does she need a booster dose and if so is there a preference to which vaccine she should get. Or should she get two doses of a US approved vaccine?	A second dose of any of the vaccines may be used or a complete series of current vaccines (1 dose of J&J or 2 MrNA vaccines).
It appears with the disaster declaration likely not being extended past 6/15, the last day KDEM/KNG will be offering specimen transport is 6/11. If the KDHE courier doesn't begin until 6/21 do you have a recommendation for transporting specimens to KHEL during the 10 day gap?	We are working with each facility/county to provide shipping labels to help get past the 2 weeks between the two. Anyone needing this can contact customer service at KHEL to arrange for the shipping labels.
Do we know if/when they will start distributing J&J vaccines?	The has been no recent update on expected timeline for resuming distribution.
Will there be a second event or what's the thought on getting the second dose after this week end?	Individuals who receive a Pfizer vaccine at the Kansas Speedway event will be given literature letting them know the places in Wyandotte county where they can get their second dose, and what date they should receive it. Non-Wyandotte county residents will receive information on how to find a location near them to get the second shot. There is not currently a second planned event at the Kansas Speedway.
With the declaration expiration, does that affect the testing we have set up with a lab such as free testing for facility residents through Quest?	live answered
I have tried several of the links that are included in the email and all of them come back as Ops we can't find that site.	Hi Christina - we try to double check them before we send the email out, but we'll triple check this week! Thanks for the feedback!
Is J&J approved for 12-15 year old?	No, only Pfizer is approved for ages 12 – 15 at this time.

<p>Will some form of communication outreach continue, ad hoc, once the EOC is retired. Appreciate all you have done throughout and would like to see the impactful relationships created, maintained. Thanks again.</p>	<p>This webinar series will continue regardless of the emergency declaration. If you are thinking of something more specific, let us know!</p>
<p>Any update on vaccine funding to the county level??</p>	<p>Expect release of funding amounts and guidance next week.</p>
<p>Phil do you know why are not distributing J&J in the US?</p>	<p>There have been lots of issues with their plants in the U.S. We have not had any recent updates on when it will be available back on the market again.</p>