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Regional Public Health Meetings

by Teri Caudle, Public Health Specialist, Local Public Health Program
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Don't miss the opportunity to attend one of the upcoming regional public health meetings aimed to connect local health departments (LHD) with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. These meetings are designed for the local LHD administrator; however, any staff person interested in a particular topic is welcome to attend. Registration will be available on KS-TRAIN soon.

The agenda includes the following: Kansas Health Matters: *Features, Uses, and Presenting Data to Stakeholders*, Greg Crawford, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and Sarah Hartsig, Kansas Health Foundation; Refugee Program, Cyndi Treaster, KDHE; Tiny K Alliance, KS Infant-Toddler Services-Part C, Local Program Administrators.

The dates and locations are:

- SE Region, Chanute - July 30
- SC Region, Hutchinson - August 5
- NW Region, Oakley - August 20
- SW Region, Garden City - August 21
- NC Region, Beloit - September 2
- NE Region, Topeka - September 8

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at tcaudle@kdheks.gov

In the Spotlight-Sumner County Community Health Assessment

by Laura Rettig, Sumner County Health Department and Sonja Armbruster,
Center for Community Support and Research, Wichita State University

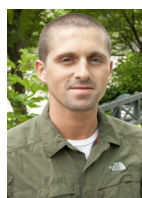


Sumner County Health Department is spearheading collaboration efforts between community members and organizations around health issues in Sumner county. The Health Department has led a Local Public Health Status Assessment and partnered with Futures Unlimited on a [Community Health Assessment \(CHA\)](#). These assessments provide valuable information to the Health Department and community organizations working to improve the health of Sumner County. Furthermore, the CHA will also contribute towards the Health Departments public health accreditation efforts. Wichita State University (WSU) Center of Community Support and Research (CCSR) provided technical assistance (TA) and facilitated these meetings using cutting edge, real time polling technology which streamlines meetings and the reporting process.

If you are interested in WSU CCSR facilitating or providing TA for any of your Public Health Accreditation Board accreditation pre-requisite documents (CHA, CHIP, or Strategic Plan), contact Sonja Armbruster at sonja.armbruster@wichita.edu or call 316-978-5855.

Tierce Begins Preparedness Program Duties

by the Preparedness Program,
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Stephen Tierce has accepted the Coordinator position and began his duties June 8 with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Preparedness Program. Stephen comes to the program from the Office of Vital Statistics at KDHE. Stephen coordinated and supervised the Vital Statistics Customer Service Unit where he planned yearly activities and goals for the unit, acted as primary liaison with the public, and coordinated with businesses, funeral home directors and other partners. He also provided technical assistance with systems used within Vital Statistics and installed, tested, and documented changes for new software systems. In Stephen's new role he will serve as the project manager for [KS-HAN](#) and [K-SERV](#) and will provide further planning and outreach with at-risk populations and applicable state partners. You can contact Stephen at stierce@kdheks.gov or call 785-296-1086.

Registration Opens for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care's Annual Quality Forum

by the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.



Registration is now open for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care's (KFMC) annual Quality Forum which will be held on July 31 in Wichita. This year's theme is "Ignite Transformation!" and will feature two keynote speakers: Andrew Pleasant, PhD, the Senior Director for Health Literacy at Canyon Ranch Institute, and Alicia Cole, Patient Safety Consultant and Co-founder of the Alliance for Safety Awareness for Patients (ASAP). Quality Forum is one platform used to educate healthcare providers and organizations on ways to improve the use of health information technology, promote patient safety and quality care, and advance positive health outcomes across the state of Kansas and beyond. Peers and recognized experts will share new ideas, methods and best practices, and focus on the latest concepts which are transforming the healthcare industry.

As part of their work in advancing healthcare quality, KFMC has been tasked with the effort to increase Kansas adolescent vaccination rates for the HPV vaccination, which remain among the lowest in the nation. The documentary "Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic" will be available to attendees of the Quality Forum the evening of July 30 and is open to community members. This film highlights the journey of five women whose lives have been forever changed and interrupted by the human papillomavirus (HPV), one of the most widespread and misunderstood epidemics. Attendance to this event is free and the screening will begin at 6:00 pm at the Wichita Marriott. In addition, one of the breakout sessions of Quality Forum will feature a panel of experts to discuss the need for improving vaccination across the state and reducing cancer and other associated diseases. For more information, please contact Rachel Linn at rlinn@kfmc.org or click the KFMC logo to view the Quality Form registration information.

Governor Brownback Celebrates Kansas Dairy Farmers at Capitol

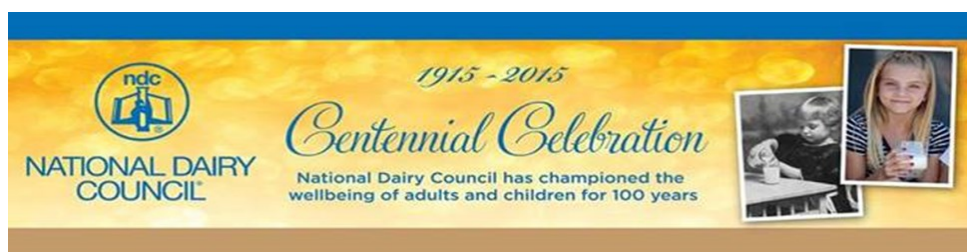
*by Marley Sugar, Health & Wellness Program Manager
Midwest Dairy Council*



Governor Sam Brownback joined Midwest Dairy Council in recognizing Kansas dairy farmers and celebrating National Dairy Council's 100th anniversary. The Governor recognized the commitment of Kansas' dairy farmers to the health and wellness of all American and issued a proclamation recognizing June 2015 as a time to celebrate the centennial anniversary of National Dairy Council.

"Today, we celebrate with Kansas dairy farmers their commitment to the health and well-being of all Americans," said Governor Brownback as part of the proclamation. "I urge all citizens to thank Kansas dairy farmers for all their hard work, dairy research and education and congratulate them on a job well done."

Since its founding in 1915, National Dairy Council has helped people live healthier lives by communicating the nutrient-rich value of dairy foods like milk, cheese and yogurt in an overall balanced diet. Guided by science, National Dairy Council brings to life a shared vision for a healthy, joyful and sustainable world and a dedication to healthy products, healthy people, healthy communities and a healthier planet – now and for future generations.



This year marks the 100 year anniversary of the National Dairy Council, the non-profit organization funded by the national dairy checkoff program that is committed to nutrition education and research-based communications. Help share the news of this longstanding commitment with the help of this communications [toolkit](#) that includes key messages, newsletter articles, graphics, that can be customized for your organization's communications materials. To celebrate the 100 year anniversary, Midwest Dairy Council is offering nutrition education materials at no cost, while supplies last. [Order](#) your nutrition education materials now!

The Dispatch - Water Safety

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Communications recently recorded a new episode for the Dispatch, a video series posted to YouTube which spotlights programs in the agency. In this episode we will hear from Eric Deneault, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, boat Enforcement Specialist, and Lindsey Webb, KDHE Epidemiologist, about Water Safety. Click the image to play the YouTube video.

Rates of New Melanomas – Deadly Skin Cancers – Increasing KDHE and MCA Work to Increase Sunscreen Use

by the Bureau of Health Promotion



A recent [report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that melanoma rates in the U.S. doubled between 1982 and 2011. In Kansas the age-adjusted incidence rate of malignant melanoma increased significantly during the past decade from 16.3 cases per 100,000 people in 2000 to 23.4 cases per 100,000 people in 2011 (Kansas Cancer Registry). More than 700 cases of malignant melanoma were diagnosed among Kansans in 2011.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. and melanoma is the most deadly type of skin cancer. More than 90 percent of melanoma skin cancers are due to skin cell damage from ultraviolet (UV) radiation exposure.

Sunscreen use is particularly low among Kansas youth. Only 1 in 10 Kansas high school students wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher most of the time or always when they are outside for more than an hour on a sunny day (2013 YRBS). Pool Cool is a recent Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA) initiative to help increase youth sunscreen use at pools. The program is incorporated with swim lessons to teach children and parents about the dangers of sun exposure, and when and how often to apply sunscreen. Pool Cool also provides sun protection signs, sun safety tools such as sunglasses and UV reminder bracelets, and sunscreen dispensers at pools across Kansas.

In addition to Pool Cool, KDHE collaborates on several other activities that provide sun safety information and sunscreen, specifically for children at outdoor summer events. MCA offers skin cancer screenings and education across the state including screenings at community festivals provided in partnership with MCA member hospitals and the Kansas Masonic Foundation.

For more information about KDHE's Comprehensive Cancer and Control Program visit www.cancerkansas.org. For more information about the Midwest Kansas Alliance, the outreach division of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, visit www.midwestcanceralliance.org.

Disease Prevention for Fairs and Festivals Toolkit

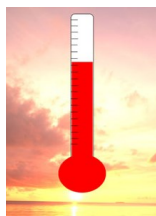
by the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



The Disease Prevention for Fairs and Festivals toolkit is designed for event managers and public health officials to understand the considerations that should be made when organizing and operating a fair or festival. This toolkit concentrates primarily on preventing zoonotic diseases, those diseases transmitted between animals and people. There are three sections in this toolkit: animal contact area facility design, animal care and management and food safety. At the end of each section there are a list of resources and an accompanying checklist. Click the logo to access the toolkit.

Extreme Heat and Your Health

from the Office of Communications, KDHE



Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat. Extreme Heat causes more deaths each year than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes and floods combined. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, [Extreme Heat](#) webpage provides heat related illness prevention tips, who is at high risk and resources to share with your family and the public. Included in the resources is a KDHE [Kansas Extreme Heat Toolkit](#), CDC's [Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather](#) webpage, and [media toolkit](#), American Red Cross - [Heat Wave Safety Checklist](#) and the National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration - [Heat Index Guide](#).

Blue Green Algae Bloom Season

from the Office of Communications, KDHE



It is Blue Green Algae Blooms Season in Kansas. Check out the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) website for Blue-Green Algae information including Lake status updates, Health Impact, reporting human or animal illness and additional information. Click the logo for more information.

Funding Opportunities

Toothbrush Kit Program Available - Deadline July 31



Toothbrush Kits are provided for Kansas-based programs focused on new initiatives, new components of existing programs or one-time events that will include one or more of the following grant criteria:

- Intervention with early care
- Partnering with existing networks
- Oral health education

A toothbrush kit includes:

- One toothbrush - adult, youth (ages 8-12) or child (ages 4-7)
- One travel-sized toothpaste
- One floss

Applicants must submit a proposal by July 31 to be considered for the 2015 grant cycle. The [Toothbrush Kit Grant Application](#) and [Toothbrush Kit Grant Guidelines](#) are available through the [Delta Dental](#) website.

Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Community College Grant Initiative - Deadline August 6



The Legacy Foundation is pleased to let you know that grants of up to \$5,000 per year are still available to public community colleges across the country to support efforts to advocate for, adopt, and implement a 100 percent smoke-free or 100 percent tobacco-free policy. The deadline for applications is August 6, 5:00 p.m. CST.

- Initial grants are for one year.
- Upon invitation, awardees may apply for an additional year of funding at \$5,000.
- Awardees will receive technical assistance from Legacy throughout the grant period.

For more information including the grant guidelines, frequently asked questions, and a link to the online application, please click the logo.

Community Dental Health Grants Available - Deadline August 31



Community-based oral health programs in Kansas are encouraged to apply for grants up to \$150,000 for programs designed to improve oral health. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose programs focus on improving the oral health of low-income children and senior citizens; however, all grant submissions will be considered.

Community Dental Health Grants will be provided for new initiatives, new components of existing programs, start-up funding or one-time events that will include one or more of the following grant criteria:

- Prevention and education
- Significant and/or large impact
- Sustainable, innovative solutions

Applicants must submit a proposal by August 31 to be considered for the 2015 grant cycle. The [Grant Application](#) and [Grant Guidelines](#) are available on the Delta Dental website.

Kansas Health Foundation's Recognition Grants - Deadline September 15



Applications for the fall 2015 cycle of the Kansas Health Foundation's Recognition Grant program are due by September 15. Recognition Grants expand the Foundation's support to a broad range of organizations throughout the state. The grants are targeted to organizations and agencies proposing meaningful and charitable projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving the health of all Kansans. In addition to supporting projects, the Foundation also seeks to support initiatives that focus on promoting policy, systems and environmental (PSE) transformations that support health. To learn more, visit the official [Recognition Grant home page](#) for complete information.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month - Tools to Help You Raise Awareness

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being immunized against infectious diseases.

The National Public Health Information Coalition has posted an Immunization Communications Toolkit to help raise awareness. Included in the kit are key messages, sample media materials, social media content and event ideas. Click the logo to access the resources from the National Public Health Information Coalition.



IMMUNIZATION
Communications Toolkit

Training and Conference Announcements

Enhancing the Effectiveness of Public Health Mutual Aid through EMAC Mission Ready Packages Webinar - July 10



On July 10 from 1-2 p.m., the National Emergency Management Association is hosting the webinar "[Enhancing the Effectiveness of Public Health Mutual Aid through EMAC Mission Ready Packages](#)." Gerrit Bakker, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers Director of Public Health Preparedness and Security, will be discussing the development of Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) mission-ready package templates for medical and public health resources. Victoria Carpenter, EMAC Executive Task Force chair, will highlight some of the 13 EMAC Articles of Agreement that provide protections for deploying personnel in an emergency. Click the logo for registration information.

Navigating Rural Health Resources Webinar - July 14

by the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, KDHE



Please join the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health on Tuesday, July 14, 12:00-12:45 p.m. CST for the webinar "Navigating Rural Health Resources: Retention Resources for Providers". The webinar will provide an overview of retention resources and tools for rural and primary care providers, including guest speakers from:

- Kansas Health Education and Services
- U.S. Army Health Care Team

Click the Logo to Register for the webinar. Call-in number is 1-866-620-7326, Passcode: 3507503156. For more information, please contact ruralhealth@kdheks.gov.

Health Literacy Training Plan Added to TRAIN

from the CDC Learning Connection



CDC TRAIN, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Office of the Associate Director for Communication's Health Literacy program, created a national health literacy training plan. The [Health Literacy for Health Professionals](#) training plan features CDC's course, Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals. After completion of that course, learners can select at least one of the following courses to complete the plan: Writing for the Public, Speaking for the Public, Using Numbers and Explaining Risk, and Creating Easier to Understand Lists, Charts, and Graphs. The training plan can be accessed by logging into your TRAIN account and clicking the link above or go to Course Search, browse by Training Plan in the left hand menu, and selecting the Health Literacy for Health Professionals link.

Preparing Healthcare Workers to Work in Ebola Treatment Units (ETUs) in Africa: Training Toolkit Announcement

from CDC Learning Connection

Ebola (Ebola Virus Disease)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) training toolkit contains information from similar courses developed by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the World Health Organization (WHO), and on CDC guidelines for infection prevention and control. The toolkit is a complete guide with training materials, templates, and videos to help offer a course that:

- Teaches Healthcare Workers (HCWs) principles of infection prevention and control to work safely in an Ebola Treatment Unit (ETU) setting.
- Uses blended learning methods, including: Lectures focused on Ebola transmission, epidemiology, and infection prevention and control; Tabletop exercises providing opportunities for students to discuss lecture content and how to apply it in ETUs; Hands-on interactive exercises in a mock ETU where students:
 - Apply the concepts they learned in the lectures and discussed in tabletop exercises
 - Practice donning and doffing personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Perform simulated patient care activities while wearing PPE

The training course is considered a first step in preparing HCWs to work in an ETU. When they deploy to work in real ETUs, HCWs are expected to receive additional training and mentoring before they begin working independently. [Register now to access the toolkit materials](#).

A New National Plan for Alzheimer's Disease Research, Care and Services

from the Empire State Public Health Training Center



The World Health Organization recently reported that dementia, Alzheimer's is the most common type, is a worldwide public health crisis, and no nation is prepared. There have been significant developments in research, and results differ with commonly held former beliefs. This archived webinar will provide participants with a working knowledge of key facts regarding the burden of Alzheimer's Disease; an overview of the new National Action Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease; and the evidence-base for early detection and caregiver supports. Go to <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID #1041879.

News and Resources

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next call will be July 28. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

This is Public Health Campaign Raises Awareness of Public Health



The [This is Public Health](#) (TIPH) campaign was created by the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) to brand public health and raise awareness of how public health affects individuals, families, communities, and populations. The simple statement, This is Public Health, has proven to be a powerful tool in raising awareness about and support for public health efforts.

ASTHO Releases Guide and Toolkit



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) recently released "[Developing a State Health Improvement Plan: Guidance and Resources](#)," a companion guide to ASTHO's 2014 "[State Health Assessment Guidance and Resources](#)." The document's seven modules lay out the process for developing a state health improvement plan and meeting the Public Health Accreditation Board Standards and Measures. Each module includes tips for structuring the planning process and considerations for the implementation phase, key terms and acronyms, specific examples and lessons learned from states, and sample tools and links to additional resources.

ASTHO also released the [Workforce Development Plan Toolkit](#), which is designed for agencies at all stages of workforce development plan preparation. Agencies are encouraged to adapt and customize the toolkit's guidance to meet their organization's needs. For agencies interested in applying for accreditation, this toolkit addresses the documentation requirement for Public Health Accreditation Board Measure 8.2.1A and supports the accomplishment of Measure 8.2.3A. Throughout the toolkit, it is noted where the accreditation board provides guidance on a particular element of the workforce development plan.

FDA Removes Trans Fat from Nations' Food Supply



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced its final determination](#) that partially hydrogenated oil, commonly known as trans-fat, is no longer generally recognized as safe. The action, according to Acting FDA Commissioner Stephen Ostroff, MD, "is expected to reduce coronary heart disease and prevent thousands of fatal heart attacks every year." "The evidence is clear. There is no safe level of trans fat," said the American Public Health Association, Executive Director Georges Benjamin, MD, [in a statement](#). "By FDA's estimation, partially hydrogenated oils cause up to 7,000 deaths each year in the U.S. and should be phased out of the food supply as soon as possible." The artificial oil, once a staple in our food supply, is still used in many popular processed foods — including frozen pizza, frostings, sprinkles, refrigerated dough and coffee creamers — to give texture, flavor or longer shelf life.

FDA is allowing companies three years to comply to either reformulate products without the oil or petition the FDA to permit specific uses. Click the logo to read the completed article.

Not All Biolabs are the Same



Association of Public Health Laboratories Executive Director Scott Becker recently authored the op-ed "[Not all biolabs are the same: Another view](#)," which was published in *USA Today*. The article emphasized that there are many types of biolaboratories and that the primary function of public health labs is their response to public health threats.

Competency Guidelines for Public Health Laboratory Professionals: CDC and the Association of Public Health Laboratories



These competency guidelines outline the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for public health laboratory (PHL) professionals to deliver the core services of PHLs efficiently and effectively. These competency guidelines are targeted to scientists working in PHLs, defined as governmental public health, environmental, and agricultural laboratories that provide analytic biological and/or chemical testing and testing-related services that protect human populations against infectious diseases, foodborne and waterborne diseases, environmental hazards, treatable hereditary disorders, and natural and human-made public health emergencies. Click the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention logo to view the MMWR report.

Who is Public Health?



The Public Health Perspectives recently posted the following information in a Blog. Who do you think of when you think of public health? Maybe the epidemiologist, the clinic coordinator, the researcher, the program specialist who distributes mosquito nets in malaria-prone countries and pamphlets at health fairs. But what about the urban planner, the organic farmer, the hospital physician, the policymaker? Public health in 2015 is the block captain, the volunteer tutor and the environmental activist. Public health is anyone who helps make his or her community a healthier, safer, and more just place to live. To read the complete posting click the PLOS logo.

Tick Borne Bourbon Virus in Oklahoma



The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) received confirmation through laboratory testing conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that a resident tested positive for a tick borne disease caused by the Bourbon virus. This case is the first to be detected in Oklahoma, and only the second case in the United States (the first case was diagnosed in Kansas). Because the disease is so new, more research is needed to fully understand the severity and geographic range of Bourbon virus. Symptoms of infection with Bourbon virus may include fever, severe muscle and joint pain, fatigue, disorientation, diarrhea, and a rash. The Oklahoma patient first reported symptoms in May 2014, and has since made a full recovery.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials fact sheet



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials has developed a [fact sheet](#) that showcases strategies used by state public health departments to improve population health. The fact sheet connects the National Prevention Strategy and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim Framework; highlights population health improvement examples from Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Ohio; and provides a checklist for developing population health plans.

2015 National Preparedness Report



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its partners released [the 2015 National Preparedness Report](#), an annual status report that summarizes the nation's progress toward reaching the 2011 National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The report identifies 43 key findings across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas, in addition to six overarching findings on the topics of coordinating response to complex incidents, using technology platforms for emergency preparedness, maintaining core capabilities, areas for improvement, state and territory self-assessment results, and comprehensively assessing corrective actions.

NHSC Issue Paper on Ebola



The National Emergency Management Association's National Homeland Security Consortium released the issue paper "[The Response to Ebola in the United States: Lessons Learned from a Multi-Discipline Perspective](#)." In the paper, the consortium shares observations concerning what worked well and what didn't during the recent Ebola outbreak and makes recommendations for response to future infectious disease outbreaks. The paper is the result of discussions between a variety of stakeholders in homeland security, including representatives from public health, emergency management, and public works.

Social Impact Bonds: Can Public Health Funding Result from its Outcomes



The American Public Health Association recently [APHA hosted a webinar](#) regarding "social impact bonds," a type of financing mechanism used to fund social programs based on performance. The webinar discussed what the bonds are, how they are used and the effect they have on public health. Government agencies involved in social impact bonds pay for measurable and realistic goals regarding social programs, but only pay after the conclusion of the program and if the intended outcome is achieved. Because the government only pays at the conclusion of the program, private investors fund these programs in order to help achieve specific goals, get reimbursed, and ultimately receive a return on their initial investment. To read the complete article, click the APHA logo.

CDC Tweaking Flu Vaccine for Better Protection



Having acknowledged that the 2014-2015 flu vaccine was mismatched to the circulating influenza strains, U.S. health officials have ramped up next season's shots for broader protection. Flu-vaccine makeup is determined months in advance so that manufacturers have time to make the millions of doses needed. Components of the coming "2015-16 season vaccine have been changed to more optimally match circulating viruses," the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in its June 5 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#). There also is a version of the flu vaccine called quadrivalent flu vaccine, designed to protect against four flu viruses; two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. Click the HealthDay logo to read the complete article.

Job Postings

Applications are being accepted for the positions listed below.

Butler County Health Department

- [Nutrition Education Dietitian](#)

City-Cowley County Health Department

- [Administrator/Health Officer](#)
- [Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator](#)

Franklin County Health Department

- [Registered Nurse](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(PT\) \(20 Hrs. week\)](#)

Konza Prairie Community Health and Dental Center

- [Clinical Psychologist or LCSW](#)
- [Dental Assistant](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse](#)
- [Medical Assistant \(PT/FT\)](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)

NEK Environmental Services

- [Environmental Health Specialist \(PT\)](#)

Pottawatomie County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse](#)

Reno County Health Department

- [Environmental Health Tech](#)
- [Health Educator](#)
- [Health Promotion Supervisor](#)
- [Public Health Nurse Stand by \(PRN\)](#)

Shawnee County Health Agency

- [Intermittent LPN](#)
- [RN \(Primary Care-Women's Health-Float\)](#)
- [RN MCH Outreach \(Health Agency\)](#)

Wyandotte County

- [Nurse Practitioner](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Newsletters

[Epi Updates Newsletter](#)

[Kansas Environmental News](#)

[Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program](#)

[ZIPS Newsletter - Bureau of Family Health/Children and Families](#)

[What's Happening Wednesday \(Immunization\)](#)

[Health Homes Herald](#)

[Kansas Health Statistics Report](#)

[KanCare Advisor](#)

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