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Learning Collaborative Update

In November, contracted providers and members of the State and MCO Coordination Team participated in the OneCare Kansas Learning Collaborative to learn more about the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model gradually being implemented in Community Mental Health Centers across the state and how this model connects to and complements the OneCare Kansas Program. Many thanks to Shaun Dierker, CCBHC Program Manager at KDADS, for providing the group with a great foundation about the model and its processes and to Tyler Vance, OCK Director at Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson, for doing such a great job of sharing practical examples of how the two models operate within their organization.

Community of Practice Update

WSU-CEI will not be hosting a Community of Practice session in December. Please keep an eye out for 2023 Calendar of Events arriving soon. From the team at WSU-CEI, we wish everyone peace and joy. We also hope that everyone is able to make time in the coming weeks to engage in activities that provide rest, rejuvenation, and allows for a renewal of passions. See everyone in 2023!





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OCK Success Stories

The OCK state team continues to seek success stories from our provider network to share in upcoming OCK newsletters. Providers who have OCK success stories to share can make a submission to the state team by emailing OneCareKansas@ks.gov. The OCK state team looks forward to receiving some great success stories to share in the coming months! We thank you for your efforts in collecting and submitting these stories and all that you do for our members.

Helping Kansans Fight the Flu

The KansasFightsFlu campaign calls on healthcare practitioners to educate the public on the importance of maintaining high influenza immunization rates in our communities. The goal is to boost the number of flu vaccinations administered in Kansas in preparation for the 2022–2023 flu season.

The flu vaccine is commonly recommended in September and October, but it is still advised throughout the flu season. Pregnant women in their third trimester, as well as children who require a dosage of flu vaccination, should be immunized against the flu.

Adults 65 and older are also advised to get vaccinated against the flu because they are at a higher risk of flu complications. There are newly recommended flu vaccines for this age group, such as Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine, Flublock Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine, and Flud Quadrivalent adjuvanted flu vaccine.

Flu vaccines are available at many places, including a primary healthcare provider, clinics, and pharmacies. More information on flu vaccinations can be reviewed on the [Immunize Kansas Coalition](#) webpage.



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Granting Access to the HAP Portal

The OCK state team would like to remind our provider network of how to update HAP administrators in the system and of the responsibilities and access features the HAP administrators have. HAP administrator (s) can be added or removed in the HAP Portal by emailing OneCareKansas@ks.gov with subject line “HAP Portal Admin Access,” designated by those able to grant access.

In the body of the email, please include the First name, Last name, and the email address of the individual (s) needing to be added or removed from accessing the HAP portal. Once the administrator has registered, by the steps listed for new user registration, the administrator can then add or disable access to OCK program care coordinators to the portal by the following processes below.

To add Care Coordinators to the HAP portal, follow the steps below:

1. The HAP Admin. will log into the HAP portal.
2. Navigate to the OCK Partners tab.
3. Select the OCK Partners name.
4. Select the ‘Add Care Coordinator’ button.
 - a. Blank fields will then populate on the screen.
 - b. Proceed with entering the Care Coordinators First Name, Last Name, and email address. It is important to note that the email address entered must be specific to each Care Coordinator being added to the system.
 - c. Select the ‘Add Portal Access’ button to complete the ‘Add Care Coordinator’ process.
5. The added Care Coordinator will not receive an automated email to register as a new user. The administrator will need to contact the Care Coordinator to register as a new user

To revoke Care Coordinator access to the HAP portal, follow the steps below:

1. The HAP Admin will log into the HAP portal.
2. Navigate to the OCK Partners tab.
3. Select the OCK Partners name.
4. Select the ‘Delete’ button next to the Care Coordinators name. The individual’s access will be immediately revoked and a record is maintained in the system with the Start and End date of their access.

If there are any additional questions about this process, please contact the OCK state team at OneCareKansas@ks.gov.



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If you have questions, or would like more information about OneCare Kansas, please contact us.

Our page on the KanCare website also contains information about our work to develop the project and documents are being updated regularly.

If you would like to receive this newsletter please send us an email.

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Individuals at Higher Risk for Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that causes symptoms similar to the common cold. Recovery from RSV can take a week or two, although the impact of the illness can be more severe in infants, young children, and the elderly.

Infants and Young Children

RSV hospitalizes between 58,000 and 80,000 children under the age of five. The most vulnerable to serious illness from RSV are premature newborns, infants 6 months of age and younger, children under 2 with congenital heart disease or chronic lung disease, children who are immunocompromised, and children with neuromuscular disorders. RSV may be mild initially, but it can quickly become a severe case within a few days. Early symptoms of RSV in young infants include irritability, decreased activity, decreased appetite, and apnea, which is defined as breathing pauses lasting more than 10 seconds. A fever does not always occur with an RSV infection.

Older Adults

Some adults are more vulnerable than others to RSV infections. RSV infection causes 60,000-120,000 hospitalizations and 6,000-10,000 deaths per year. Adults 65 and older, those with chronic heart and lung disease, and those with compromised immune systems are at a higher risk for RSV. When older adults contract RSV, it can progress to a lung infection or pneumonia. Asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and congestive heart failure are all possible outcomes of RSV infections as well.

Populations who are at higher risk of RSV infection can take the following steps to protect themselves and others from illness:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover face while sneezing and coughing.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces.
- Stay home and rest when feeling ill.

Taking these extra precautions are important as they can help prevent the spread of RSV disease to those who are at higher risk. More information about RSV can be reviewed on the [CDC's Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection](#) webpage.