

KCAHE NEWS

COVID-19 INDUSTRY UPDATE

MAY 7, 2020 - 2:00 PM

DR. LEE A. NORMAN

Lee A. Norman, MD, is the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), appointed by Governor Laura Kelly. Join us as Dr. Norman gives an overview of the state of the COVID-19 virus and the forecast moving forward. Representatives from Kansas City's health system's will follow up with a facilities forum and discuss their short-term/long-term responses to the pandemic.



Please join us for an update on COVID-19 in the Kansas City area featuring Dr. Lee A. Norman along with representatives from KCAHE area healthcare facilities.

This forum will address the state's plan moving forward and will follow up with a discussion featuring area facilities personnel and responses to the pandemic.

Thank you to Henderson Engineers and Pulse Design for hosting this informative session for our membership.



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KCAHE Member Facilities COVID-19 Response Plans

The KCAHE Board of Directors along with additional representatives from area healthcare facilities have been meeting and sharing information and resources during the Kansas City area response to the COVID-19 crisis. During these phone calls, area healthcare facilities representatives have shared preparedness plans and access to needed resources to assist each other in facing the issues raised by recent events.

Listed below are some of the ways area hospitals prepared to face the COVID-19 crisis and how they quickly shifted plans and resources once they were actually involved in assisting the community with a response to the pandemic.

KCAHE is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort and looks forward to providing its members with additional information and resources as we move forward with new changes and ways of providing services.

- Restrictions on visitors/people entering facilities
- Entrance/Exit through one main area to control number of people in facilities
- Majority of administrative personnel working from home
- Elective surgeries suspended
- Majority of construction (unless related to COVID-19 needs) halted
- Drive-through testing at certain facilities – restricted to employees or current patients of health system
- Expansion of tele-health
- Moving check-in/screening areas away from emergency departments to avoid contact
- Disinfecting PPE (utilizing stainless steel boxes, peroxide vapor, UV light and reflective paint)
- UV and Indigo light utilized in some ORs and patient rooms
- Many clinics and outpatient sites closed and patients routed to main hospital locations
- Converting ICUs/ORs and other areas to negative pressure to treat COVID-19 patients
- Some facilities were able to start manufacturing their own hand sanitizer

Upcoming Event Calendar

May 12 **Cancelled**

Monthly Membership Meeting
Firekeeper, Topeka - moved to
June date

June 9 **8 am-10 am**

Golf and meeting at Firekeeper.
Possible that meeting will be
online and golf will be separate
event. Additional information will
be available on KCAHE website.

June 11 **2 pm - 4 pm**

Cross Generational Motivation
Training - JCCC
There is a possibility that this
training will be held online.
KCAHE will inform members of
any changes to location/training

June 26 **8am - 4pm**

Fred Pryor Seminar/Training
Overland Park, KS - May be
shifted to online training. KCAHE
will inform any registered
attendees of changes prior to
event.

KCAHE will continue to monitor state and local requirements and restrictions and will prepare our social and educational planning according to the requirements set forth by professionals from these entities. Stay up to date by checking our website at kcahe.org



KCAHE Stays Connected with Member Facilities

During these unprecedented times, KCAHE was excited to have the opportunity to support and encourage our members at various healthcare facilities throughout our membership area.

KCAHE's Board of Directors worked together to provide lunches/meals to facility staff who were working hard to keep our area hospitals prepared to treat and assist the Kansas City area community.

Some of the healthcare systems/facilities that received meals included: St. Luke's, AdventHealth, Lawrence Memorial, Overland Park Regional, Menorah Medical, HCA, Stormont Vail, Children's Mercy, Truman, St. Joseph, St. Mary, Olathe Health, St. John's, Liberty, Belton and Providence.

Thank you to all those who continue to work tirelessly to keep our residents safe and healthy!

