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## Spring is Sprung!

Happy Spring everyone! We are so glad to be able to share some things we have going on in the Health Department and Home Health Agency. We hope you all are doing well and we look forward to a great Spring!



## Announcement!

We have a new website dedicated to the Health Department and Home Health Agency. We have information regarding our services and upcoming events. Check frequently for updates. We hope you find the site helpful!

[www.sumnercountyhealthdepartment.org](http://www.sumnercountyhealthdepartment.org)



## Welcome

We are so excited to welcome new members to our team here at the health department. Dawn McCue is our new Receptionist. Dawn lives in Wellington with her family. She brings with her several years of customer service experience and a friendly face to greet you!

Amanda Baker is our new WIC Dietician. She has come to Kansas from Tennessee. She is in the department on Tuesdays and is excited to meet everyone and learn more about living with our Kansas wind.

Welcome Dawn and Amanda!



## Certified Application Counselor

Did you know? We have two Certified Application Counselors who are able to help consumers look for health coverage options through the Marketplace, including assistance with completing eligibility and enrollment forms. Best of all, these services are free to consumers.

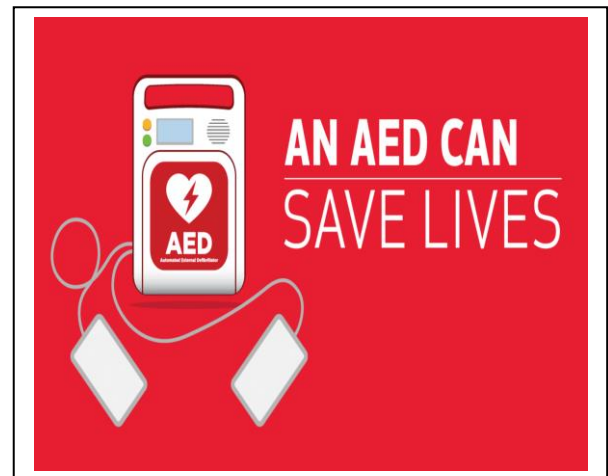
Open enrollment begins in October, however you may qualify *now* for the Special Enrollment Period if you've had changes in certain life events such as losing health coverage, moving (transitional housing or shelter), getting married, having a baby, or adopting a child, or if your household income is below a certain amount. Additionally, you may qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at any time throughout the year.

Please call our office to find out more or to schedule an appointment with a Certified Application Counselor.



## Training

On March 4<sup>th</sup> our entire team attended CPR training provided by Dacia at Traveling CPR. We were able to update our skills with not only videos but hands on training. We focused on adult and child CPR, choking procedures and AED skills. We encourage everyone to get their CPR certification- you never know when it might save a life!



## Community Outreach

In March, we had the pleasure of speaking to the Wellington Noon Lions Club. We discussed COVID updates regarding testing, vaccinations and Endemic planning. We held a Q&A session where many different topics were addressed. As always, we enjoy our time with the Lions Club and appreciate their ongoing support!



A red-bordered sign with the words 'HELP WANTED' in bold, black, serif capital letters. The sign is slightly tilted and has a small shadow effect.

We currently have openings for a **Registered Nurse** in both our Health Department and Home Health Agency. If interested apply at: [www.ksgovjobs.com](http://www.ksgovjobs.com)

## Immunization Requirements for school year 2022-2023

School is almost out for the summer so let's keep our students safe and get them vaccinated. Vaccination efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers, and parents are key to the success of protecting our children and communities from vaccine preventable diseases.

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.



### Immunization Requirements

Kindergarten through Grade 12

School Year 2022-2023

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required.
- **Hepatitis A:** Two doses required.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses required.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Two doses are required.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap):** One dose required at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years).
- **Meningococcal-Serogroup A,C,W,Y (MenACWY):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, with no previous MenACWY, only one dose is required.

Have a fantastic school year!



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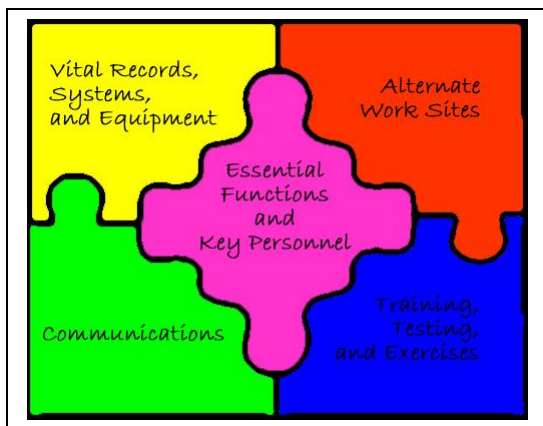
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## Preparedness Corner

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, our team participated in a tabletop exercise in Wichita. The exercise focused on the continuity of operations for our department during an emergency. There were seven different county jurisdictions participating. Each county worked through their specific scenario using their county plans. The counties then shared identified strengths and weaknesses in their plans with each other.



## COVID-19 Vaccination Update

We continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations at the Health Department on Wednesdays, by appointment only. For more information on the vaccine go to:

[CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



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## Beginnings

The Sumner County Health Department, with the help of Dr. Cobean, began in the 1950's. The main purpose was to immunize against communicable diseases. In the 1950's, tuberculosis was a threat. The Health Department would assist residents in getting their treatment at a lung clinic in Wichita. Today, we can provide treatment for tuberculosis at our local office with the assistance of KDHE. In the late 1950's, the Health Department successfully undertook the administering of the polio vaccine to county residents. Seventy years later we still immunize against communicable diseases and have expanded the scope of services to assist citizens with a variety of health-related services.

In 1978, Dr. Lee started the Sumner County Home Health Agency with the help of a grant from KDHE. For 44 years we have taken pride in serving the citizens with quality services and caring staff.

In 1992 the Health Department, through the Senior Care Act, initiated our In-Home Services program. For 30 years our mission has been providing services to our senior citizens by assisting them in remaining safely at home to prevent early or unnecessary admission to nursing homes. Services continue to be provided under the Senior Care Act as well as Medicaid, OAA and Private Pay.

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