

Assistant Director Report

June 28, 2023

KIP Project Updates

1. Vaccine Buying Group

- Two buying group options, MMCAP and VaxCare. I've included more information about both of these resources on KALHD's website here:
- I also shared more information on how to get signed up for either service
- KALHD will be hosting a webinar on July 20th over lunch if you are interested in learning about the services. You can register here: <https://tinyurl.com/jy5vh892>

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Changes and Updates

- Last month, the CDC ended the public health emergency and many things changed for COVID-19 vaccines, including no longer authorizing Johnson & Johnson and monovalent vaccines.
- If you have not already wasted those vaccines, please do so and update your inventory in KS WebIZ.
- Standing orders for the new vaccines are also available here:
<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/332/Guidance-Documents-Resources>
- Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines received shelf life extensions. Make sure to check those extensions and update labels where needed.

3. Other KDHE Updates

- The IAP 3 + 4 grants have changed requirements since the end of the public health emergency. Starting now, projects cannot be used to cover renovations or construction projects. This only applies to projects not already approved by KDHE.
- The Public Health Information Hotline will no longer be taking calls associated with COVID-19, please send those questions to the Epi hotline or the appropriate KDHE program.

4. KALHD Immunization Grant

- As of this month, KALHD has one year left of the immunization grant.
- To that end, I wanted to have a conversation about what resources, events, and or information KALHD could be providing to LHDs.
- We have restrictions on what we can do, but please email me with any questions.

5. Back to School Resources

- KALHD was made aware of some campaigns to promote vaccine exemptions in schools.
- To that end, I wanted to provide resources for KALHD members on vaccines, and how to talk about exemptions. A flyer about how to talk about exemptions was included in your meeting packet, and a resource guide for back to school is on our website.
- Many of KALHD's partners will be hosting back to school information campaigns closer to August, I will share those on the listerv when they become available.

6. KALHD Partner Updates

- IKC is looking for board members. If you are interested in serving on the IKC board, you can review position requirements and apply here: <https://www.immunizekansascoalition.org/board-interest.asp>
- Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey for IKC resources. I will be working with IKC to get those resources to health departments as funding and availability permit.

Other Updates

1. Scope of Practice LHD Duties Resources

KALHD and KDHE worked on a scope of practice matrix earlier this year for health departments that is available on the administrator listserv. KDHE is also working on a companion book to the matrix that includes specific statutes, duties, and additional resources. I will share that book with the listserv when it is available.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 20th 12-1 p.m. CT

Lunch & Learn on Vaccine Buying Groups

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/jy5vh892>