

**Shawnee County CDDO
Affiliate Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021**

Present: Chuck Peterson, Frank Greco, Frankie Holloway, Samir Zaouch, Equi-Venture Farms; Lina Petrel, Gametime Living; Jesse Cox, LHTC; Sara Ditch, Shawna Hauck, Tanya Gragg, Caring & Compassionate Care; Dave Skinner, Monaco and Associates; Holly Mace, Sunflower Supports; Stephanie Perez, Jenny Broyles, Chandra Nichols, Paige Reynolds, Serenity Case Management; Lisa Marx, DCCCA; Ramona Macek, Capper Foundation; Lori Rogers, Advocate Home Specialty Care; Eileen Doran, Tina Ruecker, Wesley Carter, Timothy Scheimann, Angie Dougan, Stephany Semple, Sally Martin, Rebecca Glotzbach, Shelby Fry, TARC; Billy Lewis, S&L Ranch; Mike Glaves, The Arc of Douglas County; Sarah Leishman, ResCare; Sara Dinkel, Dream Catchers, Quinta Avance, Avance-d Community Alternatives; Erica Koontz, Marquise Blackwell, LifeBridge; Erica Miller, GT Independence; Mark Gonzalez, Mosaic; Stacy Bleidissel, AIS; Amy Vickers, Positive Impact; Lorraine Dold, Another Day, Traci Vincent, SLI; Sabrina Winston, Michelle Shirey, Paula O'Brian, Tiffanie Krentz, Coleen Hernandez, Robert Smith, Christine Hurla, SNCDDO.

CDDO Updates/Reminders:

- Welcome Michelle Shirey as a new BASIS Assessor, we will send information out when she starts scheduling.
- Documentation needs to be submitted 2 days prior to assessments or it will not be counted. We will send this out in writing before this becomes official.
- Providers and managing waitlists – The CDDO needs to monitor the waitlists and we will send more guidance soon.

SNCO Health Department presenters:

**Derik Flerlage, Infectious Disease Division Manager
Dr. Erin Locke, SNCO Health Officer**

State issued testing order: Best practice is recommended that unvaccinated staff get routinely tested. The CDDO and Health Department will be meeting to provide clarification on which providers the State order applies to. It is encouraged to go ahead and do weekly testing, based on high positive rates and climbing numbers, and increase in cases in the last 3-4 days. Increases in variant cases, especially the delta variant, has been occurring at a couple of long term care facilities. This is a way of trying to get ahead of that and identify any cases that might be at your facility. There has been an increase in hospitalizations, many of these have been unvaccinated. Isolation and quarantine guidelines have not changed. If you look at the original COVID, the alpha variant was 50% more contagious than the original, and the delta variant is 60% more contagious than the alpha.

KSA 39-923: https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch39/039_009_0023.html

The SNCO Health Department is not regulating you – the regulating agencies are looking at whether you are communicating with the health department, are you following

recommendations, and if not, why, did they take effort? We don't want to punish anybody, we just want to keep people safe and healthy and keep businesses open.

Testing: Anybody that is symptomatic should be tested.

- Outbreak testing: An outbreak is any case, whether staff or individual, if it is acquired at the facility or if symptom onset occurs at the facility. Outbreak testing will be for everybody, unvaccinated, as well as those who are vaccinated. For outbreak testing, everybody gets tested no matter what.
- Routine testing: How often routine testing occurs is based on percent positive in the county. To find the percent positive for SNCO:
<https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/160/COVID-19-in-Kansas> Click on COVID-19 Metrics. Click on Nursing Home Metrics. Click on Shawnee County on the map.
- Staff can work while pending test results as long as they are asymptomatic. They only have to stay home if symptomatic.

How to get tested: There are a lot of private testing sites in the community. The Health Department does have a request form at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6112988/Testing> This is still at no charge. You can also reach out to the LTCF's as they do have access to obtaining tests. There are still 3 free testing sites: <https://www.gogettested.com/kansas>

Q: Are there self-administered tests with results in 20 minutes? Can anyone administer those?

A: Those are the antigen test. Yes it is self-administered, they make OTC versions you can buy. The free testing sites do the antigen tests and you can get results on site. One of the most common is "BinaxNOW Antigen"

Q: What are the expectations for screening before entering into a facility?

A: Back at the beginning of the pandemic, temperature screening was thought to be really important but over time we discovered some people have no fever symptoms. They may only have common summer cold or sinusitis symptoms, such as runny nose or muscle aches. In SNCO we have backed off on recommendations to do temperature screening.

The CDDO and SNCO Health Department will collaborate to come up with some specific guidelines for providers for visitor screenings.

Travel Guidelines: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/175/Travel-Exposure-Related-Isolation-Quaran>

Vaccination:

Vaccination Information and SNCO Clinics: http://www.snco.us/hd/COVID19_Vaccination.asp

The 10th Street location is doing vaccines every afternoon and all 3 are available to choose from.

Vaccine Clinic Request Form to have the Health Department come out and vaccinate individuals served and staff: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6424209/Shawnee-County-COVID-19-Vaccine-Clinic-Request-Form/>

Training Opportunities/Resources:

- July 27, 2021, 1:00 – 4:00 CDDO Training Session Two (BCI, Transition Checklist, CIR, PAS Tools). Email churla@snccddo.org to sign up
- September 9, 2021, 8:30 – 12:30 CDDO Training Session One (CDDO Overview, Article 63, BASIS Assessments, Status Action Forms). Email churla@snccddo.org to sign up.

Next meeting:

August 11, 2021

11:00