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## MEMBER CONNECTIONS

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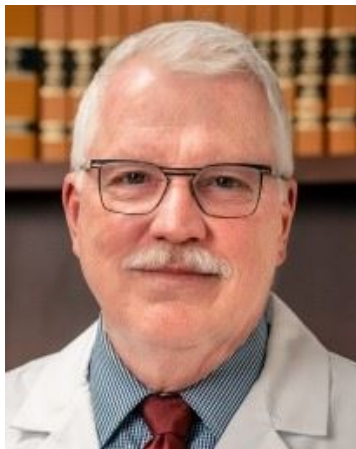
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### July 11 Physician Webinar: Leading Through Crisis in COVID-19

Three area health care leaders will join in a panel discussion "[Leading Through Crisis: Lessons Learned from COVID-19](#)" on Saturday, July 11, from 8-9 a.m. over Zoom. KCMS members and other physicians are invited to view the presentation. Panelists will include **Rex Archer, MD**, Kansas City, Mo., health director and **Lee Norman, MD**, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Moderating the panel will be **Mary Anne Jackson, MD**, dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and an infectious disease specialist. There is no cost to attend this PHYSICIAN ONLY event, but advance registration is required to get the Zoom link. [Learn more and register.](#)



### "Medicaid Expansion: Impact on Access to Care" Is Topic of July 18 Webinar

A panel of community leaders will discuss Medicaid expansion and its impact on access to care in a [KCMS physician webinar on Saturday, July 18, from 8-9 a.m.](#) over Zoom. KCMS members and other physicians are invited to view the presentation. Speakers will include Kansas state Sen. **Jim Denning** and former Health Forward Foundation CEO **Bridget McCandless, MD**. KCMS past President **Mark Brady, MD**, will moderate. A constitutional amendment implementing Medicaid expansion is going before Missouri voters on Aug. 4. In Kansas, legislative action to expand Medicaid stalled this year, but advocates will be pushing for the measure again in 2021. There is no cost to attend this PHYSICIAN ONLY event, but advance registration is required to get the Zoom link. [Learn more and register.](#)

Additional webinars featuring candidates for Missouri and Kansas elective offices are being planned for later in the summer.



## Use GetCareKC Materials to Encourage Patients to Seek Care

KCMS has made available a series of social media graphics informing the public that it is safe to seek care from their physicians. Use and share these graphics. Many safeguards are in place at physician offices to protect patients from COVID-19. View the graphics and download them here: <https://kcmedicine.org/getcare-physicians/>. The website for the public is <https://kcmedicine.org/getcare/>

You also can share messages posted on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



## Deadline is July 13 to Sign on as Medicaid Expansion Supporter for Aug. 4 Election



More than 200 physicians have signed on with the KCMS Foundation as [supporters of Medicaid expansion](#) including Missouri Amendment 2 on the August 4 ballot. The list is appearing on the Foundation's website at [kcmedicine.org/expand-now](http://kcmedicine.org/expand-now). It will also appear in KCMS/KCMS Foundation ads to be published in the *Kansas City Star* and *Kansas City Business Journal*. It is important to share with the public the support of physicians for expansion. To be included in the print advertising *Star* and *Business Journal*, we need your name by July 13. [Learn more and sign up.](#)

## New Videos Feature Physicians Discussing Medicaid Expansion

The KCMS Foundation has introduced a series of [five videos featuring KCMS physicians discussing the need for Medicaid expansion](#). In the brief videos—each 1:25 to 2:00 long—the physicians describe how expanded Medicaid would give more people access to medical care they are now delaying. They also explain the economic case for expanding Medicaid. The physician interviews were recorded in January. Appearing are Beth Andes, DO; William Featherston, MD; Sheila McGreevy, MD; Michael O'Dell, MD; and Jim Wetzell, MD. The videos are posted on the KCMS [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and on the KCMS and Foundation website. [Please watch and share these videos!](#)



## KCMS 2019 Annual Report Now Available

Review last year's accomplishments of your Medical Society in our [2019 Annual Report](#) now available online. Activities covered include the 2019 Annual Meeting featuring Vanila Singh, MD, MACM, as well as work to advance community health, to recognize member achievement and to advocate for patients and medicine. [See the Annual Report.](#)



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## Back Issues of *Member Connections* Now Available Online

Did you miss an issue of *Member Connections*? Or want to refer to something you read previously? Back issues of *Member Connections* are now posted on the Medical Society website in the Membership section. [See our back issues.](#)

## MSMA Launches #MaskUpMO Social Media Campaign

Help promote mask wearing among Missourians! The Missouri State Medical Association is gathering photos of physician wearing masks to post on their social media channels including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Physicians, residents and medical students who would like to participate in #MaskUpMO can send a mask-wearing selfie to Jeff Howell at MSMA, [jhowell@msma.org](mailto:jhowell@msma.org). MSMA staff will post the photos. You can also create your own #MaskUpMO post and MSMA will retweet it. Already posted, you can see photos of KCMS members Michael O'Dell, MD, and Joanne Loethen, MD. Who has a Chiefs mask they can wear for their selfie?

## Local Medical Graduates Honored

The Missouri State Medical Association presented its Honor Graduate Award to the following Kansas City-area 2020 medical school graduates: **Kellen Smutz** from Kansas City University, and **Emily Boschert, Keerthi Gondi** and **Landon Rohowetz** from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

## Follow KCMS Social Media for the Latest COVID-19 News

Check our [KCMS Facebook page](#) and [KCMS Twitter account](#) frequently for the latest COVID-19 news relevant to KCMS physicians. Get the news as it becomes available!

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