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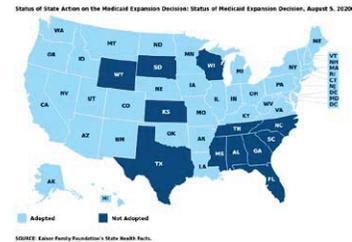
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Missouri Voters Pass Medicaid Expansion; Wide Margins in KC

Thank you to the voters of Missouri and thank you to all the individuals and organizations that worked so hard to achieve passage of Medicaid expansion this week. The final unofficial results show that Amendment 2 passed by 53.25% to 46.75% statewide—a margin of over 6%. In the Kansas City area, by election jurisdiction, the measure gained 88% yes in Kansas City, along with 62% in eastern Jackson County, 62% in Platte County and 60% in Clay County. It failed in Cass County with 45% in favor. Statewide, the urban-rural division was stark, with the urban areas of St. Louis, Columbia and Springfield passing Amendment 2, but the measure generally losing two-to-one in outstate areas.



This Kaiser Family Foundation map shows Missouri proudly added as the 38th state to expand Medicaid.

For low-income and uninsured people needing medical care, the expansion of Medicaid eligibility will become effective July 1, 2021. KCMS and the KCMS Foundation will continue to elevate the physician voice to ensure that implementation is successful for patients. Advocates are concerned about possibility of legislation being introduced or administrative steps taken that could threaten to undermine or weaken the expansion.

In Kansas, we will continue to join in legislative efforts on behalf of expansion.

Thank you to our KCMS members for all the ways you supported the Amendment 2 campaign—signing our supporter list, placing yard signs, sharing social media messages, volunteering with the campaign and just spreading the word. Special thanks to the Health Forward Foundation for its major funding of the statewide YesOn2 campaign, as well as current CEO Qiana Thomason and past CEO Bridget McCandless, MD, for the leadership you provided to initiate and support the campaign.

KCMS 2020 Annual Meeting Set for October 21

Physicians and partners are invited to celebrate the Medical Society's accomplishments over the past year at the 2020 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. While the meeting will be held virtually over Zoom, we hope to carry over the same excitement of in-person Annual Meetings that have drawn over 250 guests each in the past two years. On the program will be a panel of mayors from across the region discussing health care in Kansas City:

- David Alvey, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.
- Peggy Dunn, Leawood, Kan.
- Quinton Lucas, Kansas City, Mo.
- Eileen Weir, Independence, Mo.

Moderator will be Bridget McCandless, MD, MBA, KCMS past president and former CEO of the Health Forward Foundation. We also will present the annual KCMS Awards to outstanding physicians and supporters. Watch for further announcements!



Mayor David Alvey



Mayor Peggy Dunn



Mayor Quinton Lucas



Mayor Eileen Weir

“Wear a Mask” Video Gains Widest-Ever KCMS Viewership

The “Wear a Mask” video created by and starring nine KCMS member physicians gained our widest-ever viewership on Facebook. Since being posted on July 24, the video has reached over 22,000 viewers, been shared 119 times and received 545 likes. Thanks for helping to spread the mask-wearing message. It is important for physicians to take the lead in setting a consistent example by always wearing a mask in public places and reminding people that we wear masks to keep from spreading our germs to others. [See, like and share the video on Facebook.](#) [Or watch and share the video on YouTube.](#)



More Webinars Coming Soon

Watch for announcements of upcoming KCMS webinars including candidate forums and a webinar on wellness.

Calendar

Monday, August 24 - KCMS Board Meeting, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, September 14 - KCMS Leadership Council, 6 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21 - KCMS Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Thank you to our Partners!



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