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Dec. 5 Webinar: What's Ahead for COVID-19 Vaccines and Flu Season?

Join KCMS for a special webinar on Saturday, December 5, from 8-9 a.m. over Zoom, "A Closer Look at Potential COVID-19 Vaccines and Flu Season." Three local expert physicians will discuss COVID-19 vaccine trials and approvals, vaccine safety, vaccine distribution and ensuring minorities and underserved communities receive the vaccine. They also will provide an update on COVID-19 testing as well as the importance of vaccination against the seasonal flu. Panelists will be:

- [Mary Anne Jackson, MD, FAAP, FPIDS, FIDSA](#), dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and professor of pediatrics
- [Kevin Ault, MD, FACOG](#), professor and specialist division director, Center for Pelvic Pain and Sexual Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, who has specialized in development of a vaccine against human papillomavirus (HPV)
- [Sara Boyd, MD](#), infectious disease physician at Saint Luke's Hospital



KCMS Wellness and Prevention Committee chair **Daphne Bascom, MD, PhD**, of Saint Luke's will moderate the panel. Don't miss this timely and informative webinar! [Register now!](#)

New Video Shows Patients How to Wear a Mask

How many people have you seen wearing their masks below their noses? KCMS Leadership Council member [Stefanie Ellison, MD](#), created [this brief video](#) to show people how to put on their masks correctly. Dr. Ellison works in the emergency medicine department at UMKC and Truman Medical Center. [Watch and share the video.](#)



Six KCMS Physicians Honored for Accomplishments Beyond Age 70

Congratulations to six KCMS members who were honored last week by Shepherd's Center in their second annual [70 Over 70 Awards](#). Five are members of the Retired Physicians Organization: **Karl Becker, MD, MBA**; **Alan Forker, MD**; **Keith Jantz, MD**; **Dennis Pyszczyński, MD**; and **Daniel Schlozman, MD**. Congratulations also to KCMS member **David Robbins, MD**, director of the diabetes program at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The awards celebrate adults over age 70 who have made significant contributions and achievements in their respective endeavors.

Diabetes Action Tips for Physicians

What can physicians do to help reduce the impact of diabetes? How can we make a difference for those living with diabetes and those at increased risk of developing it? [See these November Diabetes Month action tips for physicians](#) from KCMS 2020 President Betty M. Drees, MD, FACP, FACE, in this [KCMS blog](#). Among the suggestions are encouraging people to take the diabetes risk test, urging those diagnosed with diabetes to obtain needed care, advocating for affordable insulin, and more. [Read the blog.](#)



Website Helps Patients Select COVID-Safe Activities

Are your patients asking you if it is COVID-safe to engage in this or that activity? Comeback KC, of which KCMS is a partner, has created this [great new user-friendly website](#) to help people decide. Dozens of activities--from going to a bar to hiking alone--are given risk ratings. Four factors are considered: crowding, droplets, time and ventilation. [Check it out!](#)



Tighter Restrictions Going into Effect Around Area

In response to skyrocketing COVID-19 cases and urgent pleas over the last two weeks from hospital chief medical officers and public health directors, counties around the metro area are tightening restrictions on hours and capacities at restaurants, bars and other gathering places. All counties except Johnson are requiring restaurants to operate at 50% of capacity and close at 10 p.m. Gyms also are restricted to 50% of capacity and indoor gatherings limited at 10. Johnson's restrictions, adopted at a six-hour meeting last Friday, are much looser, with no limits on restaurant or gym capacity. [KCUR compiled this summary of the updated restrictions across the area.](#)

Just In ... Kansas Data on Mask vs. Non-Mask Counties Featured in CDC Report

Data from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment comparing COVID-19 incidence in counties with and without mask orders is featured in [this week's Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. After July 3, COVID-19 incidence decreased in 24 counties with mask mandates but continued to increase in 81 counties without mask mandates. The CDC concludes that countywide mask mandates appear to have contributed to the mitigation of COVID-19 transmission in mandated counties. [Read the report.](#)



Membership Renewal Reminder

Take a moment to renew your KCMS membership if you haven't done so already. It's easy to [renew online here](#). Your 2020 membership is good until December 31. Stay connected to your fellow physicians through KCMS! For information on your membership or to have your 2021 dues invoice resent, please contact Emily Whalen at ewhalen@kcmedicine.org. You can also visit the [membership page on kcmedicine.org](#) for more information on membership and the Society.

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

Calendar

Monday, November 30 - KCMS Board Meeting, 6pm via Zoom, Executive Committee Meeting to immediately follow

Saturday, December 5 - "A Closer look at Potential COVID-19 Vaccines and Flu Season," 8am via Zoom. [Information and registration](#)

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