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Register to Vote - Deadline is October 13

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KAFP encourages everyone who is eligible, to vote in the General Election for their local, state and national leaders. Voting registration closes October 13 - [click here to register](#). Your vote is important to your profession, patients and community. Below are important deadlines and resources to help you with the voting process.

Registration Deadlines: [Check your registration status here](#) or [register online here](#). You can't vote if you're not registered, so make sure your status is up to date.

- Online: Oct. 13
- By mail: Postmarked by Oct. 13
- In person: Oct. 13

Absentee Ballot Deadlines: [Go to ksvotes.org](#) to request an absentee ballot. To find your local ballot drop-off box, contact your county election office.

- Request: Received by Oct. 27
- Return by mail: Postmarked by Nov. 3

Early Voting:

- Oct. 14 - Nov. 2, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

Election Day: Nov. 3

Mark your calendar now if you're planning to vote in person. Visit [ksballot.org](#) to see who is on your ballot, research candidates and find your polling location.

Volunteer for KAFP Task Forces by October 14

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The KAFP is seeking volunteers to serve on two of our new task forces for 2020-2021. Please consider joining us and getting involved with your Academy to make a difference. The deadline to apply for these task forces is **Oct. 14, 2020**.

Apply Today

Implicit Bias Training Task Force

We are currently seeking members to join this task force to help develop four to six webinars and an in-person session on this topic. Members with prior experience in teaching or attending implicit bias training are encouraged to volunteer for this task force.

Rural Health Summit Task Force

We are seeking members to join this task force to help develop learning objectives, identify presenters and guide the educational content of a Rural Health Summit in partnership with the Colorado chapter.

For more information about KAFP's committees and task forces visit the [KAFP website](#). Questions? Contact KAFP at info@kafponline.org. Thank you for your interest and commitment to KAFP.

AAFP's COD and FMX Begins Next Week - Support Jen Brull for AAFP Board of Directors

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Don't miss these three important events coming up!

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Kansas Hospitality Open House (Virtual) The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians supports Jen Brull, MD, FFAFP of Plainville, Kan. as a candidate for the AAFP Board of Directors. We invite you to attend the live, virtual Kansas Hospitality Open House to wish her well and offer your support. There is no charge to attend this live streamed event.

[Register Now](#)

Sunday, Oct. 11–Tuesday, Oct. 13 | AAFP Congress of Delegates (Virtual) The Congress of Delegates (COD) will meet to develop and set policy for the Academy and to elect its officers and the Board of Directors. There is no charge to attend this live streamed event for AAFP members.

[Register for COD](#)

Tuesday, Oct. 13-Saturday, Oct. 17 | AAFP Family Medicine Experience (Virtual) AAFP's largest annual meeting, Family Medicine Experience (FMX) will offer attendees evidence-based CME (live and self study), thought-provoking Main Stage sessions, access to patient care solutions - and networking opportunities to unite family physicians now and in the future. Don't miss special guest speaker Anthony Fauci, MD.

[Register for FMX](#)

Applications for Phase 3 Provider Relief Funds Opens

U.S. HHS

The federal government announced that \$20 billion in new funding is now available for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

Find more details about the new Provider Relief Funds in the government's announcement at [Trump Administration Announces \\$20 Billion in New Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding](#). Applications are now being accepted via the [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#).

Education

AAFP COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Focuses on Vaccines - October 7

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Want the latest info on the COVID-19 vaccine process? Join AAFP on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. for the latest edition of the COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall series, "COVID-19 Vaccine: Science, Policy and Preparation."

You can join the Town Hall via one of channels below:

- [Facebook](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Twitter](#)

Featured guests will discuss the current state of the COVID-19 vaccine science, the process of vaccine

development, including safety and approval and what to consider in planning and preparing for potential vaccine distribution.

Viewers can ask questions live and earn one CME credit for participating. Post your questions anonymously at aafp.org/covid19ask

Resources

New Expansion of Free NRT from the Kansas Tobacco Quitline

KDHE

Great news to share with your patients! Individuals who qualify and enroll in the Kansas Tobacco Quitline Behavioral Health Program will receive four weeks of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (choice of gum, patch, lozenge) after the completion of the second coaching call. The NRT will be shipped to the home of the enrollee free of charge. (Prior to this change, only 2 weeks of NRT was provided after the completion of the first coaching call.) The Behavioral Health Program includes a total of 7 calls.

How to qualify for the Behavioral Health Program: Patients can call the Kansas Quitline at 1-800-784-8669. During the Quitline's intake process, the caller will be asked if they live with mental illness or drug or alcohol use disorder. Diagnoses included are bipolar disorder, depression, generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), schizophrenia, or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Callers who report being diagnosed with any of these conditions will be offered enrollment in the Behavioral Health Program.

For questions, contact Matthew Schrock, Cessation Coordinator, KDHE Bureau of Health Promotion, Matthew.Schrock@ks.gov, 316-207-2244. For resources and to order free KanQuit materials visit [KDHE website](#).

Important Dates

October 8 | [Virtual Kansas Hospitality Open House](#)

October 11 -13 | [Virtual AAFP Congress of Delegates](#)

October 13-17 | [Virtual AAFP FMX](#)