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Action

KAFP Micro Poll: Communications & Engagement

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We want your input on KAFP's Communication and Member Engagement efforts. Please complete this survey by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Take the Survey

Member input and feedback is important to KAFP. We use survey data and member satisfaction measures to better serve you, our members. Responses are summarized and are shared with the Membership and Member Services Committee, the KAFP Board of Directors and staff. Thank you for helping to make KAFP better!

2021 Legislative Priorities

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The Governmental Advocacy Committee has release KAFP's 2021 Legislative Priorities. Our top three priorities this year include:

 KAFP supports the development of joint regulations on APRN licensure, discipline, regulation and scope of practice, between physicians with Board of Healing Arts and APRNs with the Board of Nursing. KAFP supports legislative and regulatory efforts to ensure that the term "doctor," when used in the clinical setting, also includes the degree (i.e., MD, DO, DNP, DPT, PhD for psychologists, etc.) used to obtain licensure to practice. Furthermore, KAFP supports

retention of the use of the word "physician" for only doctors of allopathic and osteopathic medicine.

- 2. KAFP supports Medicaid expansion.
- 3. KAFP supports public health efforts to increase immunization rates aligned with CDC recommendations and opposes further immunization exemptions.

KAFP leadership works alongside our lobbyist Dodie Wellshear to advance our legislative priorities. Often we have "call to action" opportunities for members to contact their legislators in support of specific issues. Keep

2021 Legislative Priorities

Volunteers Still Needed for 2021 Family Doctor of the Day

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Sign Up Today!

Will you fill one of the 28 openings on the calendar for FDOD?

The 2021 legislative session started this week and that means the launch of our 2021 Family Doctor of the Day (FDOD) program. FDOD is a volunteer program organized by KAFP in which members volunteer to serve as the onsite physician managing our aid station at the Statehouse during the legislative session (January through May), providing basic medical aide to legislators, staff and visitors. Additionally, FDOD is a great opportunity to network with legislators in Topeka, learn about the legislative process and proudly represent Kansas family physicians.

KAFP members with an active license to practice in Kansas are eligible to volunteer. Please review the available dates to volunteer and submit a volunteer form to reserve your date.

Please note that there are set protocols set for the safety of our volunteers and guests of the FDOD office; such as a mask requirement, sanitization practices and limiting the days FDOD is scheduled. Learn more about these protocols by visiting our website at <u>kafponline.org/fdod</u>.

Register Today: COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation & Patient Confidence Webinar

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Register



Mark your calendar for Thursday, Jan. 28 at 12:15 p.m. as KAFP hosts a Q&A with Julie Wood, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Senior Vice President of research, science and health of the public at AAFP, KAFP President Chad Johanning, MD, FAAFP and KAFP President-Elect Jen Bacani McKenney, MD, FAAFP. This moderated Q&A will discuss:

Misinformation regarding COVID-19 vaccinations Tools to build patient confidence in the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines How the Kansas vaccine roll out plan impacts your practice

Once you register, a link to access the webinar will be emailed to you at least 24 hours in advance. Should you have questions, please email us at <u>info@kafponline.org</u>.

Your Feedback Needed: COVID-19 Vaccine Perceptions

KUSM-Wichita

Researchers of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita are conducting a study to understand family physicians' perception of the FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine, and they are seeking help from KAFP members. They have



prepared survey that takes about three minutes to complete. Take the survey <u>here</u>. Participation is voluntary and responses will remain anonymous and confidential.

Please contact Rick Kellerman, MD at <u>rkellerm@kumc.edu</u> or Samuel Ofei-Dodoo. PhD, MPA, MA, CPH at <u>sofeidodoo@kumc.edu</u> with any

questions.

Thank you for your participation!

Resources

KAFP COVID-19 Resources Updated

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The KAFP continues to update the <u>COVID-19 resources webpage</u> for you. The following items have been recently added, and you may find them useful.

- KS COVID Workgroup for Kids: Medical Clearance for Return to School During Pandemic
- KS COVID Workgroup for Kids: Medical Diagnosis and Plan for Student Illness During Pandemic
- KDHE: COVID-19 Vaccine Updates
- CDC: Isolation Quarantine Guidance and FAQs
- CDC: COVID-19 Disease Investigation Guidelines
- IKC: <u>Update on COVID-19 Vaccines Development</u>, webinar with Tiffany Dickey, PharmD, BCIDP
- AAFP: COVID-19 Vaccines Web Hub
- AAFP: COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

Important Dates

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