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From: Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Division of Public Health

To: Local Health Departments; Healthcare Providers; Clinical and Public Health Laboratories

RE: Utilization of KDHE Travel & Health Dashboards, Weekly Infectious Disease Report, and Infection Prevention and Control Resources

Summary

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is highlighting key surveillance dashboards, the Weekly Domestic and International Infectious Disease Report, and infection prevention resources available through the KDHE Travel & Health webpage. These tools are designed to support situational awareness of global and local infectious disease activity and to enhance preparedness, detection, and response efforts across Kansas.

Background

Kansas City is a host city for the FIFA World Cup 2026™ with six matches scheduled at GEHA Field at Arrowhead Stadium between June 16 and July 12, 2026. Additionally, four teams will establish their base camps, where they will live and practice, in the area. Given the scale of this event, Kansas healthcare providers should expect an influx of travelers from across the United States and across the globe.

Increased global travel, mass gatherings, and evolving infectious disease threats underscore the importance of timely access to surveillance data and prevention resources. KDHE's Travel & Health webpage serves as a centralized hub for data dashboards, weekly intelligence summaries, and infection prevention guidance to support healthcare, laboratory, and public health partners.

Recommendations for Local Health Departments, Healthcare Providers, and Laboratories

KDHE encourages all partners to routinely utilize the following resources:

1. Global Infectious Disease Surveillance

- **Global Infectious Disease Events (GIDE) Dashboard:** Provides near real-time information on infectious disease events worldwide to support risk assessment and travel-related clinical considerations.
 - Access: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1508/Travel-Health> or directly at <http://datainsights.kdhe.ks.gov/GIDE/>.
- **Weekly Domestic and International Infectious Disease Report:** Provides a curated summary, posted each week on Wednesday, of priority global and domestic infectious disease activity to support clinical and public health decision-making, particularly when evaluating travel history.
 - Access: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1508/Travel-Health> under Educational Resources.

2. Kansas Emergency Department and Wastewater Surveillance

- **Kansas ED and Wastewater Snapshot Dashboard:** Supports situational awareness of emergency department trends for infectious diseases, overdoses and injuries across Kansas. Provides early indicators of vaccine preventable diseases, respiratory pathogens, sexually transmitted infections, gastrointestinal pathogens, vector-borne pathogens, and fungal pathogens through wastewater monitoring, which can detect trends prior to increases in clinical cases. Data is refreshed each week on Wednesday.
 - Access: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1508/Travel-Health> or directly at <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/2409/Emergency-Department-Wastewater-Snapshot>.

3. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Educational Resources

KDHE provides a range of IPC training materials to support healthcare and public health partners, including:

- Infection prevention and control guidance for healthcare settings
- Educational webinars on domestic and international infectious diseases
- Disease-specific reporting, testing, and clinical management resources

These materials are intended to strengthen preparedness and ensure consistent application of best practices across healthcare and public health settings. Access:

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1508/Travel-Health> under Infection Prevention & Control and Educational Resources.

Actions Requested

- Review and incorporate dashboard data into routine situational awareness and response planning.
 - Encourage clinical staff to consider travel history and global disease activity when evaluating patients.
 - Utilize IPC resources to reinforce infection prevention practices within facilities.
 - Share these tools with relevant staff and partners within your organization.
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Additional Information

The Kansas Health Alert Network (KS-HAN) is KDHE's primary system for rapidly disseminating public health information to healthcare and public health partners. Please share sign-up information with staff and partners: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/801/Kansas-Health-Alert-Network-KS-HAN>

For questions or additional guidance, please contact the 24/7/365 KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 1-877-427-7317 (option 5) or email KDHE.EpiHotline@ks.gov.

References and Resources

- KDHE Travel & Health Webpage: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1508/Travel-Health>
 - KDHE Data Dashboards: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/2046/Data-Dashboards>
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This message is intended for Local Health Departments, Healthcare Providers, and Laboratories. Please distribute as appropriate within your organization.