



The Record

Bucks Rewarded to Drivers Who Buckle Up Safe Kids Kansas, State Farm and KDOT partner up for safety message

Topeka - Thousands of vehicles will be traveling the Kansas roadways during the Labor Day weekend. Many families will head out on one last camping trip or getaway as the school year begins. Safe Kids Kansas, (sponsored in part by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment), State Farm and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) want to encourage families to buckle up and drive safely to protect their most valuable asset, their families.



This year, August 28 through September 12, a safety belt awareness campaign called "Bucks for Buckles" is being held in 46 cities across Kansas. Dollar bills are being distributed by local volunteers to drivers who have all occupants buckled up securely in their vehicle. Those riding unrestrained will receive educational materials about the effectiveness of seat belts and child safety seats in saving lives and reducing injuries.

"No one can predict when they will be involved in a motor vehicle crash, yet almost all of us will be involved in an automobile crash in our lifetime. In 2020, 365 people lost their lives on Kansas roadways and 56 percent of them were unbuckled," said Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. "The single most effective means of protecting the lives of you and your passengers is wearing seat belts and using appropriate child restraints every time you ride in the vehicle - even short distances."

According to the 2020 KDOT Seat Belt Survey, 85 percent of Kansans surveyed were wearing their seat belts. This compares to the national average is 90 percent. Kansas ranked 42nd in belt use in 2019, among 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Seat belts save more than 15,000 lives every year and are the best defense against drunk, aggressive, and distracted drivers. "Seat belts are the single most effective device you can use to save your life during a vehicle crash," said Sage. "They also reduce your chances of having a serious injury by as much as 50 percent. It's such a simple thing, so take your life into your own hand and buckle up."

FDA Gives Full Approval to Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

TOPEKA - Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for people 16 years of age and older. The vaccine continues to be available for people 12-15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in moderately or severely immunocompromised people through emergency use authorization.

"The vaccine is safe, effective against severe illness and death, and our best tool to beat this virus," said Governor Laura Kelly. "Today's announcement from the FDA is good news. I urge all Kansans to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves, their neighbors, our frontline workers, and our economy."

Moderna began the application for full FDA approval in June, nearly a month after Pfizer/BioNTech. Full approval is anticipated in several weeks. Johnson & Johnson has stated they will begin the approval process later this year.

As of August 23, 2021, 51.4% of Kansans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Millions of people have already received the COVID-19 vaccine and this approval should instill a high-level of confidence in all Kansans that the vaccine has met the high standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing set by the FDA," said Lee Norman, M.D., Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "Our state is seeing high numbers of people diagnosed with the Delta variant. The best way to fight this disease, especially the variant, is to receive the COVID-19 vaccine."

The vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in the State of Kansas are the Delta variant. This variant continues to cause the number of cases to rise at the level that was seen in November 2020.

The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than twice as contagious as previous variants. The greatest concern is for those who are unvaccinated. Data shows that this variant causes more severe illness in people who are unvaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines reduce a person's risk of contracting the virus, including this variant. Additionally, it has been shown to prevent severe disease and death.

Governor Kelly Directs State Agencies to Return to Remote Work

TOPEKA - In response to the continued spread of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Laura Kelly today released new guidance directing state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch to resume remote work operations where possible.

"Since the start of the pandemic, my administration has followed the best public health guidance to keep our communities safe, mitigate the spread of the virus, and reduce strain on hospitals," Governor Kelly said. "The decision to return to remote work was not made lightly - but we know that this is a necessary step to prevent COVID-19 infections. I am confident that our state employees will continue to provide quality services to all Kansans who need them."

The remote work model will remain in place through October 4th. At that time, a re-assessment of current COVID-19 infection rates will determine when state employees can return to fully on-site work.

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, state agency operations shifted to remote work for employees whose job functions could be performed remotely. In June, after a significant reduction in daily COVID-19 infections, state employees began returning to state office buildings.

As infection numbers began to rise again throughout the summer, a transition to remote work will help control the spread of the virus among state employees. Onsite staffing will be limited to only those necessary to safely conduct agency operations.

Mask requirements, social distancing and other mitigation measures will remain in place for employees whose jobs must be performed on-site.

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Sue's Sudsy Soapbox By: Sue Reich



Hiy'all! Here I am again going like crazy. Not crazy, just like crazy. My long-lost friend and I had a nice chat this morning. We are both anxious to get together and do the do we used to do. Sure miss our domino get togethers. I will also be glad when I get our computer upstairs. It would be a lot easier on Mr. Ed. I can still get around real good, but he needs help. I had all the furniture moved so we could do some switching from upstairs to downstairs and downstairs to upstairs. But apparently something came up with the fellas who were supposed to do it and I had to put it all back.

We had to go Monday to get him a new phone. They got it all done, gave him the bag with the stuff in it and we took off, I went the wrong way as we were going to go to Menards. He was looking through the bag, no phone. We drove all the way back to Johnson County and got the phone. I guess he thought it was in there and it sure wasn't.

So, we went to Menards and I got an ALEXA, a what-chamacallit for my bathroom, and a gallon of paint thinner. Got a lot of painting to do still. Going to wait until the weather cools down so I can get started on my bear, Digger. Poor little guy is starting to peel. I made a sign for Shady Grove in the Community garden.

My back porch looks like a studio. May as well try a Van Gogh or something. lol. The front of my house is peeling too, and I have that to do. Gotta wait until it cools down though, so much to do. But I manage to get a whole lot of it done. Not too bad doing it by myself. I work between the garden, my house and *The Record* and still got that "git up and go". In 24 hours,

I got 1 ½ hours sleep.

If it wasn't for Debbie, I would still be digging through all that stuff. Still have that FREE regulation pool table with all the equipment. Like I said FREE, but you have to take it apart and get it out of here. By the way, I have a Grandfather clock for sale, a complete dining room set, table, chairs, china cabinet and a buffet. a China dish set and am trying to downsize because we are keepers, not hoarders. lol.

I was thinking the other day whom I have met, you know like celebs, not great big movie stars, but some we all know. I met Colonel Sanders in Las Vegas. He was walking down the hall at the MGM hotel in the 70's looking sort of confused. Went up to him and just started chatting with him. I used to work at a couple of them in KCK. He gave me his card and signed it and I walked him arm in arm to his meeting room. What a wonderful ol' guy he was. Then I was in a parade in KCMO and was in the Last Time Band and there was the Leave it to Beaver brothers in adult form, of course, and we shook hands and introduced ourselves. There they were all grown up. At the same parade, I was walking down the sidewalk carrying my clarinet and here comes this good looking curly haired guy, and he said, "hey let me try that thing". George Brett. wow. He was just a rookie then. By golly, he took my clarinet, squeak squawk, and someone took our picture. I still have that clarinet that George played. Here's one I met too. Was over in Riverside and there was this young punk showing off on his motorcycle, jumping over cars and barrels and all kinds of weird things. Yep, Evel Knivel. Later he became popular. Sav-On, remember Sav-On down at 55th and Kansas Avenue? Little cutie, Len Dawson. He was there all by himself and my friend Janet Bean and I got his autograph. Well, dear friends and readers, it was good yakking atcha and glad I got to. Pleease get your shots. Wear those masks. Love thy neighbor. Be kind. Ivya all, K? Your friend always, Sue



At 49th and Metropolitan, this is all that is left of the place that used to have a reputation. This pile of dirt/gravel is all that is left of the "joint" that used to be Cedar Lawn. Later it was called, "Mind Your Own Business."



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Comin' & Goin' Turner Style



By Sharon Hoover

My computer has been getting a workout and so have I. Since the heat outside has been so oppressive and unbearable for any length of time, I decided to check out Silver Sneakers classes on Zoom. Several years ago, I used to go to the YMCA on Parallel Parkway and then it got so crowded I quit. I tried walking for a while but that gets challenging especially when you don't have a flat surface to walk on. I have a cross trainer I use but it's no good for strength training or balance. My insurance includes Silver Sneakers as a benefit, so I thought I'd

give it a whirl. I started with the classic class (beginner), found an instructor I really like and a time that really suits me. Not only do they offer all kinds of classes for all types of people, but they are also on YouTube and on demand. My last class had over 600 people in it, and I didn't feel the least bit crowded (a little sarcasm). My class required a 6" ball, weights, and tubing. I was lucky I already had them. It's so convenient I will probably continue after the heat wave and covid are no longer a problem.

In the near future, there are outside opportunities to look forward to in September. The Leavenworth Road Association is holding a Car Show on September 11, 2021, in the Eisenhower Parking Lot, 2901 N 72nd, KCK from 1pm-3pm. The Gateway Steppers will be performing, and there will be a food truck, train rides, and kids' games.

September 18 is going to be a busy day for Monarch Butterfly taggers as there are at least three separate events

that day. The closest one to us is at the Turner Community Garden and usually runs from 11am-2pm but those hours are subject to change. As soon as I get a firm time, I'll pass it on. The second is at Schlagle Library at WYCO Lake "the 16th Annual Lawson Roberts Butterfly Festival" with loads of butterfly related activities along with the tagging. It runs from 10am-3pm. The last is the Monarch Watch tagging event at Baker University Discovery Center, 1365 N 1250 Road, Lawrence, Kansas from 10am-3pm. It too has scads of activities for adults and kids.

For anyone looking for employment one should check out the WYCO/UG website, there are over 50 openings for all types of work. I even noticed a construction road sign on Parallel Parkway right before you get to Culver's Drive-in advertising job openings. There definitely is a need.

Until next time, stay safe, please wear your mask indoors in public places, and be kind to those around you.

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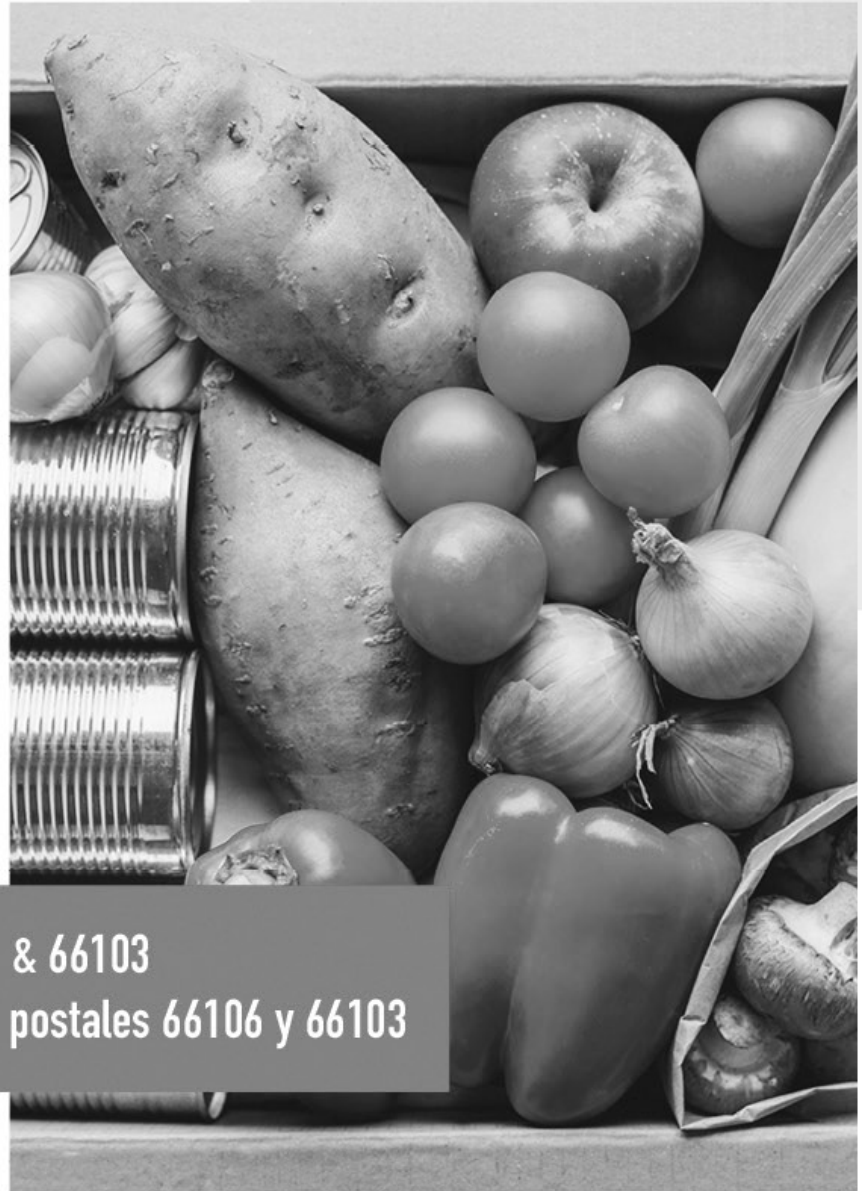
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Unified Government Public Health Department Issues New Recommendations on COVID-19 Precautions for Social Gatherings

On August 26, 2021, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) released new guidance on personal or social gatherings to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County and the Kansas City metro area.

This guidance is issued in response to the recent increase in COVID cases and hospitalizations, as well as the spread of the Delta variant. The UGPHD plans to closely monitor COVID-19 data for Wyandotte County in the coming weeks and reevaluate the gathering guidance in late September of 2021.

Guidance for people who are fully vaccinated

- Safest: Limit gathering size, and wear masks except when both outdoors and socially distanced.
- Outdoor gatherings:

Choose outdoor gatherings rather than indoor gatherings when possible. Limit to 25 people. If six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained, wear a mask.

- Indoor gatherings: Limit to 10 people. Wear a mask and maintain six feet of social distancing.

- Less safe: If you choose to have gatherings larger than the recommended number of people listed above, please continue to wear masks to reduce the risk.

- HIGH RISK: Gathering without masks and without limiting the number of people, particularly if gathering indoors, creates high risk for the spread of COVID-19, especially the Delta variant.

Guidance for people who are not fully vaccinated

- Safest: At this time, people who are not fully

vaccinated are strongly advised to avoid gathering with people who do not live in their household.

- Moderate risk: If you do choose to gather, please take precautions to reduce the risk of COVID spread.

- Outdoor gatherings: Choose outdoor gatherings rather than indoor gatherings. Limit to 25

people. Maintain social distancing as much as possible, and please wear a mask if six feet of

social distancing will be difficult to maintain the whole time.

- Indoor gatherings: Avoid indoor gatherings whenever possible. If you do gather indoors, limit it to no more than 10 people, wear a mask at all times, and maintain social distancing.

- HIGH RISK: Gathering

without masks and/or with larger numbers of people, particularly if gathering indoors, creates high risk for the spread of COVID-19, especially the Delta variant.

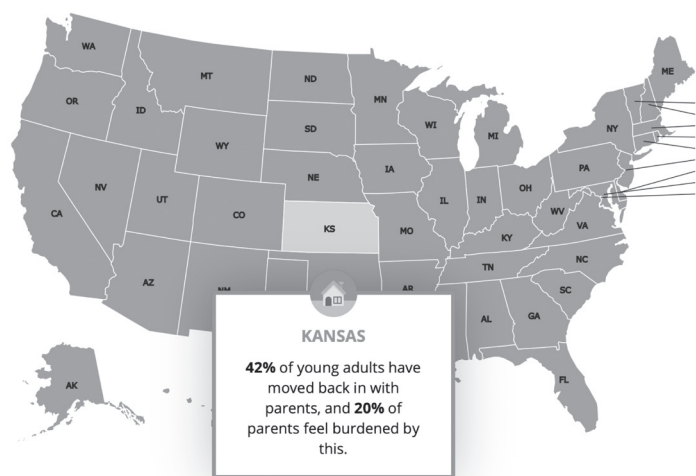
Please note that the guidance above is for personal or social gatherings. It does not apply to healthcare or public health clinics or events where free COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 tests will be administered.

At this time, the UGPHD urges caution with large events to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If your business, organization, or group is planning a large event and you would like guidance from the UGPHD on COVID-19 safety for your event, please email epidemiology@wycokck.org or call 913-573-6712.

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Half Of Young Adults In Kansas Have 'Boomeranged' Back To Their Parent's Homes Over The Past Year, Study Finds.



- 20% of parents in Kansas say they feel burdened by this.

- 15% say they have had to delay retirement plans in order to support their adult children.

- Interactive map included showing 'boomerang' stats across America.

'Boomerangers'... 'Going Nowhere Generation'... 'Growing Ups'... 'Failed Fledglings'... Whichever term you choose to associate with the rise in adult kids moving back in with their parents, it has led to significant changes in living arrangements for everyone involved. Whether it's a result of the red hot real estate market, the pandemic-hit economy, or simply a desire to save money by

moving back home, many parents whose kids have boomeranged have had to alter their retirement plans and finances in line with having a full nest again.

A survey of 3,500 by ISoldMyHouse.com has revealed that almost half of young adults (42%; 18-35) in Kansas have moved back in with their parents over the past year - compared to a national average of 36%. And aside from free housing, the research found that 16% have received financial support from their parents.

Some parents may hope that this current boomerang generation represents a temporary pandemic-bolstered blip, likely to resolve itself as restrictions are eased and the

economy expands. However, the reality is that the pandemic amplified a trend that has been on the rise over the last few decades. Indeed, sustainable economic independence has been steadily receding and fewer young adults are getting married.

The average rent for homes increased 7.9% over the past year. In some urban areas, the surge has climbed as high as 12%. This is a result of urban renters in pursuit of more living space (possibly brought on by spending months on end in their homes during lockdown), a well as ongoing pressure from ageing millennials. In fact this represents the largest spike in rent for single-family homes in nearly 15 years. Moreover, house prices have increased 26% over the past year, diminishing any hopes of getting onto the property ladder.

Whether this growing boomerang trend is a good or a bad thing depends to a certain degree on who you are asking. Is moving back in with parents a sign of failure, or a shrewd financial move designed to put young adults in a better position when they finally fly the coop? According to the survey, moving back in with parents is a prudent move - a whopping 2 in 3

(72%) 'boomerangers' feel this is the case!

However, on the other side of the coin, the point of view is more opaque... The survey revealed that many parents are not overly enthusiastic about the situation - 20% of parents in the Sunflower State say they feel burdened by having to house their non-rent paying tenants. This is perhaps unsurprising - 15% say they have had to delay retirement plans in order to support their adult children. Moreover, 1 in 3 parents who had previous intentions to downsize the family home, are now unable to do so. In fact, over 1 in 5 (22%) say they are considering upscaling in order to accommodate them.

"Although moving back in with parents can be seen as a step backwards," says Kris Lippi of ISoldMyHouse.com, "looking at it from a sociological point of view, what has happened is entirely predictable - this generation of young adults have been priced out of the real estate market in a way that their parents never were, and many have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. If moving back in with parents helps young people's mental and financial health, then it has to be a positive thing to do."

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By: Sue Reich

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Don Everly, age 84, passed away August 21, 2021. "The Everly Brothers" Brother Phil passed seven years ago of COPD, age 74, January 3, 2014. Duet sang many songs together "Cathy's Clown".

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