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Good evening,

We have a few updates that we would like to share. Please let us know if you have any questions or we can assist in any way.

Congressman Marshall Leads on RSC Health Policy Recommendations

Last week, in a [letter](#) to House and Senate leadership, Republican Study Committee (RSC) Chairman Mike Johnson (LA-04) and RSC Health Care Task Force Chairman Roger Marshall, M.D. (KS-01) released nine conservative policy recommendations to provide the U.S. health care system with the stability and flexibility it needs to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal is one of five pillars in RSC's 37-point *Conservative Framework for Recovery, Accountability and Prosperity*. Read the letter and full RSC press release [here](#).

Latest Round of HHS Provider Relief Funds

Last Friday, HHS began processing payments to two targeted groups that have been hardest hit by the COVID outbreak: hospitals with high COVID in-patient volumes and rural providers. Read more about these payments [here](#).

- 1) High Impact Distribution: \$12 billion is slated for facilities that have admitted large numbers of COVID-19 patients. *One Kansas hospital is eligible for \$18.3 million.*
- 2) Rural Providers Distribution: \$10 billion is targeted for rural providers, as HHS recognizes that many operate on thin margins prior to COVID-19. Rural providers include rural acute care general hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural health clinics, and community health centers located in rural areas. This money will be distributed starting this week on the basis of operating expenses, so that payments are distributed proportionately to each facility and clinic. *201 Kansas providers are eligible for \$382 million.*

If you believe you are eligible for the first round of the \$30 billion general allocation but have not yet received payment, please contact our office. If you provide your tax identification number (TIN), CMS Provider Access Transaction Number (PTAN), and National Provider Identifier (NPI), we can submit an inquiry with United Health and HHS. These funds were released April 10th and 17th, and information on those funds can be found [here](#).

Walmart Testing

At a time when COVID-19 testing is critical to the pandemic response, we want you to know that there is a mobile testing site available in your district to anyone who may be exhibiting symptoms of the virus, as well as all health care providers and first responders, whether or not they are exhibiting symptoms. Mobile units will travel to the counties of Reno, Butler, Scott and Saline on a rotating basis each week to

test those who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. The testing site is supported by Walmart, eTrueNorth and state and local officials.

The mobile testing site schedule is listed below. For more information on additional efforts please [visit our website](#). We appreciate your circulating this information to your district stakeholders, and we will continue to share updates as we receive them.

COVID-19 mobile testing schedule:

- Reno County: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays each week; 10am – 3pm weather permitting at the State Fairgrounds, 200 block of State Fair Road (access via Plum St or Main Rd)
- Scott County: Mondays and Tuesdays each week; 10am – 3pm, weather permitting at Scott Lake State Park, 101 West Scott Lake Drive, Scott City, KS 67871
- Saline County: Fridays and Saturdays each week; 10am – 3pm weather permitting at KHP Training Academy, 2025 E Iron Ave, Salina, KS 67401 (lower parking lot)

Battelle Decontamination Unit

Last week, FEMA fulfilled Kansas's request for a [Battelle's Critical Care Decontamination Systems™ \(CCDS\)](#), which can sterilize and reprocess up to 80,000 N-95 masks per day for reuse by hospital staff. The federal government has signed a contract with the manufacturer so that this service is provided free of charge to healthcare providers. A slide deck of information on the CCDS is attached.

Hospitals that select they would like help with logistics upon sign-up will be connected with Cardinal Health. All non-hospital users that select they would like logistics support will be provided pre-paid shipping labels for Fedex to the site POC email they provide.

Organizations within Kansas that would like to learn more about how to enroll in this program, they can contact Battelle directly www.solutions@battelle.org/N95 and fill out the Battelle CCDS™ inquiry form.

National Student Response Network

The National Student Response Network (NSRN) was created to connect health professional student volunteers (MD/DO, PA, RN/NP) with volunteer opportunities identified by state/county health departments, hospitals and community leaders throughout the state. Such opportunities could include grocery shopping, childcare, pharmacy pick-ups, organizing PPE drives, contact tracing, and other non-clinical opportunities. The process begins with the health department, hospitals or community leaders completing a [google form](#) identifying their needs. From there, the NSRN will alert registered student volunteers of the opportunity and allow them to sign up through its database. The Kansas Coordinators then facilitate the connection of interested student volunteers with the communities in need of assistance. The NSRN is working hard to build a volunteer base throughout Kansas and hope that by identifying needs throughout the state, it can expand its student involvement. Our office is encouraging communities with an identified needs to please sign up, but we cannot, unfortunately, guarantee a volunteer will be available for every need.

OldCastle Building Envelope

This a glass enclosure that provides a physical barrier between healthcare providers and patients, protecting caregivers from pathogen exposure and reduces the need for PPE. This innovative product is new to the market, and the producers have requested and Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the FDA for rapid deployment in the midst of the pandemic. Their product website is [here](#), and a product sheet is attached.

Best,
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