



Office of Recovery

Office of Recovery Update: 11/23/2020 - 11/27/2020

Kansas Organizations Launch Effort to Stop Spread of COVID-19



Throughout the SPARK process, we have emphasized the value of partnerships, not only among government agencies, but also through the private sector and nonprofits. In that spirit, we wanted to highlight four organizations (Kansas Hospital Association, Kansas Medical Society, Kansas Chamber and Kansas Farm Bureau) who have teamed up to launch the "Stop the Spread" campaign. You can click on the video above to watch the PSA.

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This campaign, which debuted on Monday, urges Kansans to do their part in slowing the spread of the coronavirus across the state. The most important aspect is educating citizens on the four tools they can use to stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Wearing a mask
- Washing your hands often
- Keeping a safe distance
- Avoiding large gatherings

“Hospitals across the state are facing **significant capacity and staffing constraints** because of increased COVID-19 spread, and this campaign will help ensure the normal standards of care Kansans expect will be preserved,” said KHA President and CEO Chad Austin. “All mitigation efforts taken over these next several weeks will be **critical to keeping Kansas businesses, schools and other services safely open.**”

This campaign is made possible through \$1.5 million of Coronavirus Relief Funding approved by the State Finance Council. Kansans can access Stop the Spread campaign resources, tool-kits and guidance from the CDC and KDHE by visiting www.StoptheSpreadKansas.org.

SPARK Investments in the News:

State Finance Council approves \$38.5 million in CARES funding for businesses, public health.

Governor Kelly announced Friday that the State Finance Council unanimously approved Friday to allocate \$38.5 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund of the Federal CARES Act. The funds will go toward supporting local businesses and public health response efforts.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events:

- **SPARK Taskforce meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** You can view the livestream on [Governor Laura Kelly's YouTube channel](#).
 - **County spending reports due Thursday, December 10, 2020.** Please contact our office if you have any questions.
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Resources available to you:

- **SPARK Taskforce Process FAQ.** Please click [here](#) to learn more about how the Governor's taskforce developed the investment priorities.
 - **Grant Programs:** Please visit <https://covid.ks.gov/grant-applications/> to see what programs are currently accepting applications.
 - **County Resources:** You can view all updated county resources and guidance, including the updated **Kansas Supply Chain Disruption and Delays Memo**, by visiting <https://covid.ks.gov/spark-county-resources/>
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Wishing you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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