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Johnson County Updates Coronavirus Dashboard

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (October 5, 2020) – Johnson County Department of Health and Environment and Department of Technology and Innovation has updated the county’s COVID-19 dashboard at www.jocogov.org/coronavirus. The updated dashboard provides more details on important datapoints, while improving clarity, design and overall usability. The new information on the dashboard also eliminates the need for regional information that is available elsewhere.

While collecting and presenting important data regarding COVID-19, Johnson County has received a wide variety of input from the public, school districts and other stakeholders during the past six months of the pandemic. In addition, much has been learned about the virus since March. All of these factors have informed the improvements to the dashboard.

Improvements include:

- The first tab, **Case Summary**, has been condensed compared to that of the existing dashboard. It provides Cases by Date Reported followed by Cases by Date the lab was collected. This is followed by hospital and deaths, cumulative, and, by date.
- The **Cumulative Summary** tab is new and while comparable to the current dashboard displays on the Case Summary tab, JCDHE is using a new figure for negative test results.
 - On the current dashboard, the negative and the positives did not add up to individuals tested, because an individual could have gotten a negative and a positive test result.
 - On the new dashboard, the data is now noted as individuals who have tested positive, individuals who have tested negative and total individuals tested. Those numbers will now add up, similarly to what KDHE tracks.
- The **Testing & Percent Positive Rates** tab is also new and shows the number of new positives, new negatives and repeat negatives by date. It also included an additional way JCDHE has started calculating the Percent Positivity Rate (similar to KDHE) followed by the traditional way the department has calculated that data point.

- **Weekly charts** is a new tab that summarizes key metrics by week.
- The **Schools** tab on the new dashboard replaces the **Gating Criteria** tab on the current one. It displays the key metrics schools are using to make decisions on learning modes, including the additional way JCDHE has started calculating the Percent Positivity Rate. The previous dashboard displayed the Incidence Rate as a 7-day metric, while the new dashboard displays the datapoint as a 14-day metric.

“As promised, keeping the information on the dashboard updated as it becomes available is a priority to inform our community. Data about the health, mental health and emotional health of our community are factored into every JCDHE recommendation,” said Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of JCDHE. “Adherence to the critical steps to mitigate this virus remains vital – wearing a mask, physically distancing, washing your hands and staying home when you are sick are all ways to combat the spread of COVID-19.”

For those who had the dashboard bookmarked, the new dashboard has replaced the previous dashboard at the same link. It is available from jocogov.org/coronavirus and the direct link is:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/mapper.of.the.day.mod.#/vizhome/covid19_joco_public/Dashboard

Live sound bite from Elizabeth Holzschuh, JCDHE’s director of epidemiology:

<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/4b9f1d7f522735a421ab11528069ec0620201005191952/6f8f71e2e3191b278527a876c6d5bc0120201005191952/bae4c3>

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