

# PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

## WHAT'S NEW IN PUBLIC HEALTH?

### The Health & Safety Fair

The Health & Safety Fair is nearly here! Tomorrow, Saturday, June 4th, the fair returns to the Agri-Business Building from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

This year's fair is set to be a great one with many features!

#### **USD 470 Pre-K Preview**

Get This year's fair will host the Ark City School District's Pre-K Preview Event! This event will allow parents to learn about the free pre-school programs and to schedule screenings!

#### **1025 The River Live Broadcast**

Radio station 1025 The River will be broadcasting live at the fair this year! If you can't make it, be sure to listen to 1025 The River to check out the fair!

#### **Prize Drawings**

This year's fair features some excellent prizes up for grabs! Those who attend the fair can enter to win some awesome prizes like Fitbit smart watches, a bicycle, home safety kits, and more!

#### **Health Department Mobile App**

The Health Department will demonstrate the features of our new app for the first time! The app will be released later in June and those who register to be notified when the app is released will be entered into hourly \$25 Gift Card prize drawings at the Health & Safety Fair! Check out the app's features at the Health Department's booth at the fair!



### Monkeypox

Monkey Pox has been in the news and has many county residents concerned about its potential impact. Here are some facts about the current situation:

- 21 total cases have been reported in the USA
- No cases have been reported in Kansas
- Monkeypox is spread primarily through skin-to-skin contact and contact with monkeypox lesions.
- Monkeypox begins with general flu-like symptoms including fever, chills, headache, bodyaches, and exhaustion
- Within 1 to 3 days, the victim will develop a rash followed by lesions.

If you have any of these symptoms or have been in contact with anyone that displays them, see your healthcare provider. For more information about monkey pox, visit [cdc.gov/monkeypox](https://www.cdc.gov/monkeypox)



### Storms & Severe Weather

With the latest round of severe weather, it's important to always be prepared:

- **Stay Informed:** Sign up for NWS weather alerts and heed any warnings about severe weather in your area!
- **Make a Kit:** Build an emergency kit today to ensure that you will have what you need if you need to evacuate from your home!
- **Make a Plan:** Start planning today! Knowing what to do and where to go during a severe weather emergency can make all the difference!

For more ways to prepare for severe weather and emergencies, visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)

Month to month new case information

| New Cases | * =month to date |      |
|-----------|------------------|------|
| Month     | 2021             | 2022 |
| January   | 828              | 2675 |
| February  | 304              | 321  |
| March     | 90               | 61   |
| April     | 47               | 44   |
| May       | 59               | 112  |
| June      | 28               |      |
| July      | 153              |      |
| August    | 488              |      |
| September | 592              |      |
| October   | 386              |      |
| November  | 606              |      |
| December  | 653              |      |
| TOTAL     | 4159             | 3213 |

## COVID & ILLNESS DATA

May ended with a substantial increase in COVID cases - more than March and April combined! **May ended with 112 cases total.** With more people travelling, summer gatherings, and outdoor social activities, we can expect cases to grow and for more people to become ill.

Much like the virus itself, the pandemic situation will continue to change and it is far from over. As always, we advise everyone to exercise caution to prevent the spread of disease. If you are ill, please stay home and avoid gatherings.

Together we can help prevent the spread of illness and ensure a healthier and happier community.

| Year Total  | 2021 | 2022 |
|-------------|------|------|
| Total Cases | 4159 | 3213 |
| % of cases  | 100% | 77%  |

Comparison of previous year, 2021, with current year to date

## FEELING SICK?

If you do become ill, please do not participate in any group events until after you have fully recovered from your illness. For as long as the pandemic persists Cowley County residents are advised to take all necessary precautions to prevent the contraction and spread of ANY illness.

- Stay home if you feel ill.
- If you develop symptoms of illness, be tested to determine if you are infected.
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Clean high touch surfaces with disinfecting cleaners (doors, counters etc.).
- Wear a mask that properly covers your nose and mouth while in public.
- When ill stay home and isolate from others so you will not spread illness.

