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Legislative Update



The statewide "Legislative Health Forums" have been finally finalized with the information you need, to get the word out to the public and the public health workforce to attend! The forum listing and information is below—please plan to attend one or more forums! Let everyone you know, know about these forums, so that the attendance exceeds our expectations! This is the best way to inform the public and the public health workforce about the importance of both health reform and preparedness.

Health Advocates in Kansas Sponsor "Legislative Health Forums" During April for National Public Health Week, April 7-14

The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), its member organizations and the American Public Health Association (APHA) will celebrate National Public Health Week, April 7-14, 2008. This year KPHA has organized statewide Legislative Health Forums to help educate the public about two issues: health reform and pandemic preparedness for Kansans. These community forums will be held in 15 cities across the state, with an Open House format being held in Wichita.

Area legislators have been invited to give an update on health reform in the Kansas 2008 Legislative Session. An opportunity to learn about the state's plan for a pandemic will also be presented by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Information about the nationwide "Get Ready" campaign and how individuals, families and organizations can plan for emergencies will be available. The forum will conclude with a question and answer session.

The forum is free and open to the public, and no registration is necessary. For more information or to request special accommodations, please contact the phone numbers below during normal business hours. Requests for special accommodation must be made by close of business at least 3 days before the forum.

City	Sponsor/Health Dept	Date	Time	Place of Forum	Phone
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Pittsburg	Crawford	4/7	6:00 PM	Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium, 503 N Pine St	(620) 231-5411
Ottawa	Franklin	4/8	Noon	Commission Chambers, Franklin Co Annex, 1418 S Main St	(785) 229-3530
Chanute	Neosho	4/8	6:30 PM	Neosho Community College Auditorium, 1000 S Allen St	(620) 431-5770
Wichita	Sedgwick	4/8	3-5 PM	Open House SE Health Station, 1530 S Oliver St, Ste 270	(316) 660-7350
Atchison	NEK Multi	4/8	6:30 PM	Atchison Middle School (USD 409), 301 N 5th St	(913) 367-5152
Olathe	Johnson	4/9	4:00 PM	JO CO Adm Bldg, 3 rd Fl Comm. Hearing Rm, 111 S Cherry St	(913) 894-2525
Garden City	Finney	4/10	6:30 PM	Clarion Inn, 1911 E Kansas Ave	(620) 272-3600
Oakley	Logan	4/10	7:00 PM	The Impact Center, 806 E 3 rd St	(785) 672-4502
Lawrence	Douglas	4/14	10:00 AM	Lawrence/DG Co Health Dept, 200 Maine St	(785) 843-3060
Winfield	Cowley	4/17	4:00 PM	Wm Newton Hospital Physician's Pavilion, 1300 E Fifth Ave	(620) 221-1430
Salina	Salina	4/17	1:00 PM	Salina/Saline Co Health Dept, 125 W Elm St	(785) 826-6600
Topeka	KPHA/Washburn	4/21	7:00 PM	Washburn University Kansas Room, 1800 SW Jewell St	(785) 233-3103
Independence	Montgomery	4/22	4:00 PM	Civic Center Memorial Hall, 410 N Penn St	(620) 251-4210
Manhattan	Riley	4/23	Noon	Family & Child Resource Center, 2101 Claflin St	(785) 776-4779
Emporia	Lyon	4/24	6:30 PM	Lyon County Courthouse, 430 Commercial St	(620) 342-4864
El Dorado	Butler	4/25	4:00 PM	Community Building, 200 N Griffith St	(316) 321-3400

Since 1920, KPHA has created movements for all Kansans to be able to protect themselves and their community from preventable, serious health threats. KPHA accomplishes this by serving as the umbrella association for public health professionals from every sector of society and health-related disciplines. Today KPHA represents almost 700 members from over 50 occupations and 130 organizations in all 105 counties of the state.

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