Self-check temperature screening stations installed in Eisenhower State Office Building lobby

Beginning Oct. 5, all state employees and vendors will use self-check temperature screening stations as they enter state office buildings.

These stations, located in the main lobbies of the Capitol Complex buildings, include:

- Touchless face recognition temperature scanner with a 3-foot range
- Touchless hand sanitizer dispensing station
- Posted list of screening questions and symptoms as per the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Employees will be responsible for complying with daily temperature screening protocols as staff will no longer be onsite. Wristbands will no longer be required or distributed at screening locations.

Removal of your face covering is not necessary for device to check your temperature. If you are not wearing one, it will remind you to do so.

All employees are expected to continue to follow the ongoing directive that masks are required and anyone exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 are not to report to work. This would include temperature reading of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Thanks to all KDOT employees who have spread the word about the importance of completing the 2020 Census. The final day to complete the Census is Monday, Oct. 5. Please spread the word this weekend to your friends, family and neighbors. Thank you for helping make Kansas Count!

For more information about the Census. Check out: my2020census.gov
Cement slurry provides soil stabilization on I-235 project

A KDOT project on I-235 in Wichita is using a slurry process to mix in Portland cement for soil stabilization, says District Engineer Brent Terstriep. The project is on I-235 near West Street. Terstriep and Wichita Metro Engineer Don Snyder explain that the slurry process involves mixing the cement, a stabilizing agent, and water in a mixing plant, instead of applying powdered cement directly onto soil.

A tanker truck delivers the cement slurry to the project, and it is injected into soil that has been scarified. The slurry method offers a more uniform application of the cement, and it is not prone to being blown away by wind, as dry cement would be. The slurry process is in the evaluation stage for consideration on other projects.

Tech tips: New phone system being tested

The Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) is working to make a new phone system available to all State employees. The new system will use software on employees’ computers so they can take and receive calls using their State of Kansas phone number. A pilot test is beginning now to confirm the system will work for all agencies before it is implemented. As part of the pilot, the Corporate Directory will be removed from the State handsets and softphones over the next 60 days. Instead, please use the Global Address List in Outlook or at the Kansas Online Communication Directory here. In addition, the KDOT telephone listing is available here.

More information will be provided later to outline when the pilot project is complete. If you have questions, please contact the EBIT Service Desk at (785) 296-4999 or EBITSM@ks.gov.

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