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How to use the Online Media Toolkit

The files in the Social Media Toolkit are to be used only for virtual outreach, and are not designed to be printed. These files can be uploaded/shared on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, etc, or shared electronically via email or messaging system.

The purpose of these files is to share the information and resources available to Kansans. These files can be posted alone, or as supplemental information to your group or organization's message.

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COVID-19 Hotlines



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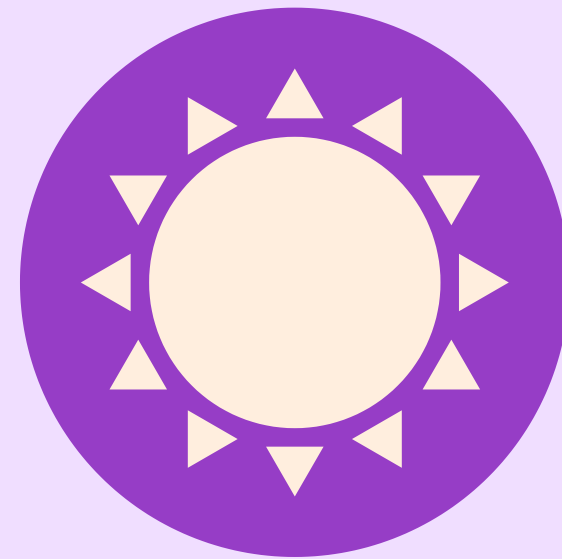
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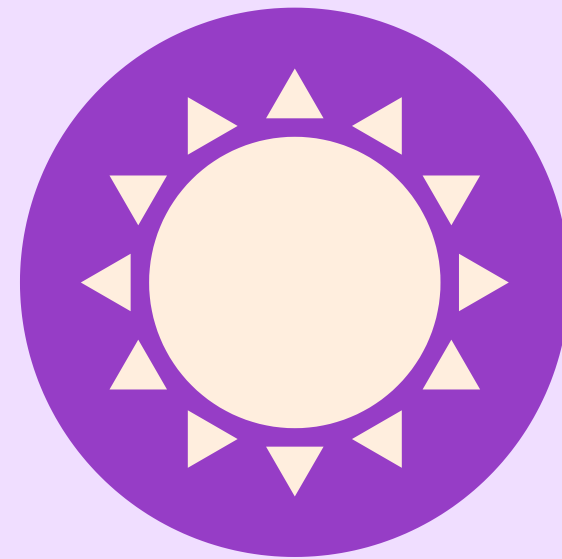
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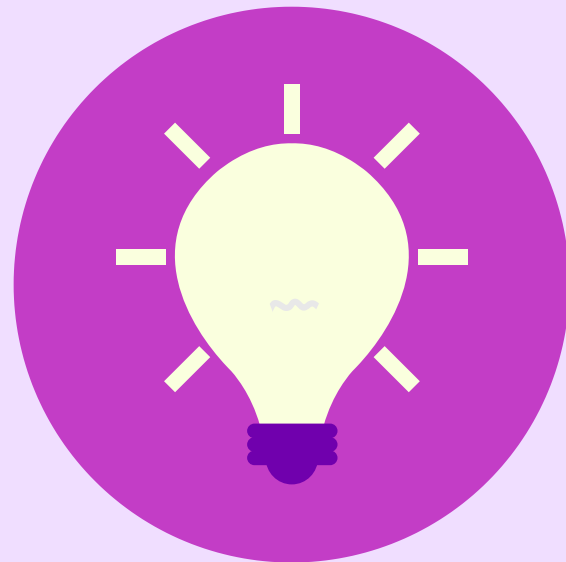
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