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**PROTECTING HEALTH AND
KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE**

SANE Telehealth Network

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What is **SAFE-T?**

- SANE- Sexual assault nurse examiner
- SAFE- Sexual assault forensic exam
- SAFE-T- Sexual assault forensic exam via telehealth

- Trauma informed care anytime, anywhere
- Consultation with SANE providers
- Assistance with the SAFE process
- Training and education
- Ongoing support





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Why
SAFE-T?



- 2,976 reported cases of sexual assault in 2019
- More than half of Missouri counties do not have local SANE availability
- Many survivors will not travel or wait for a SANE to come to them
- It's the law



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**What does
the law say?**

- DHSS must
 - Establish a statewide SANE telehealth network
 - Offer training and technical assistance
 - Publish a yearly report
 - Consult with stakeholders
- Survivors are entitled to an advocate during an exam
- Hospitals must offer exams within six months from the launch of the network

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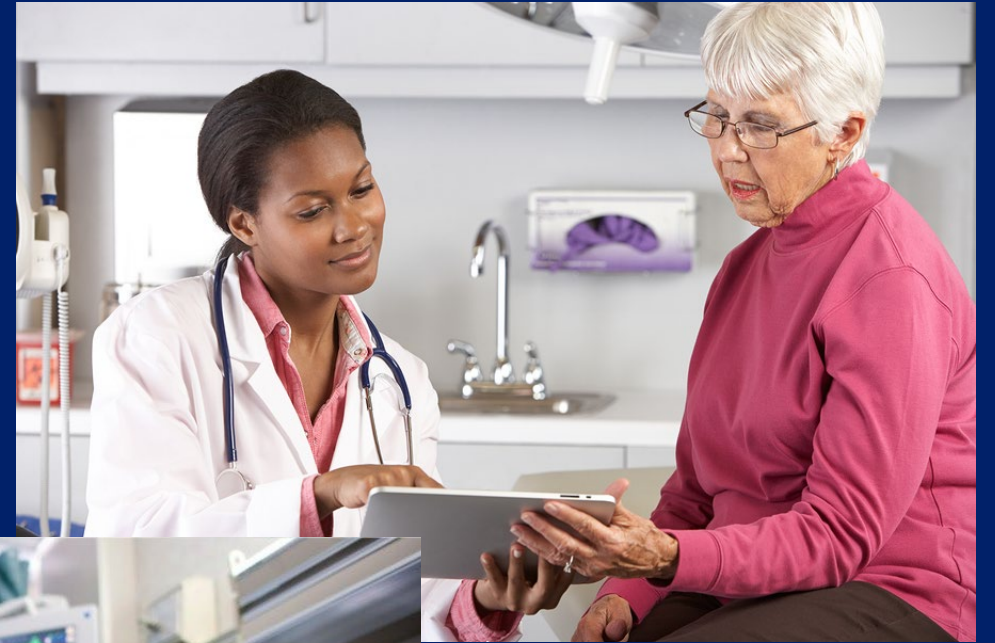
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**Who is going
to perform
our exams?**





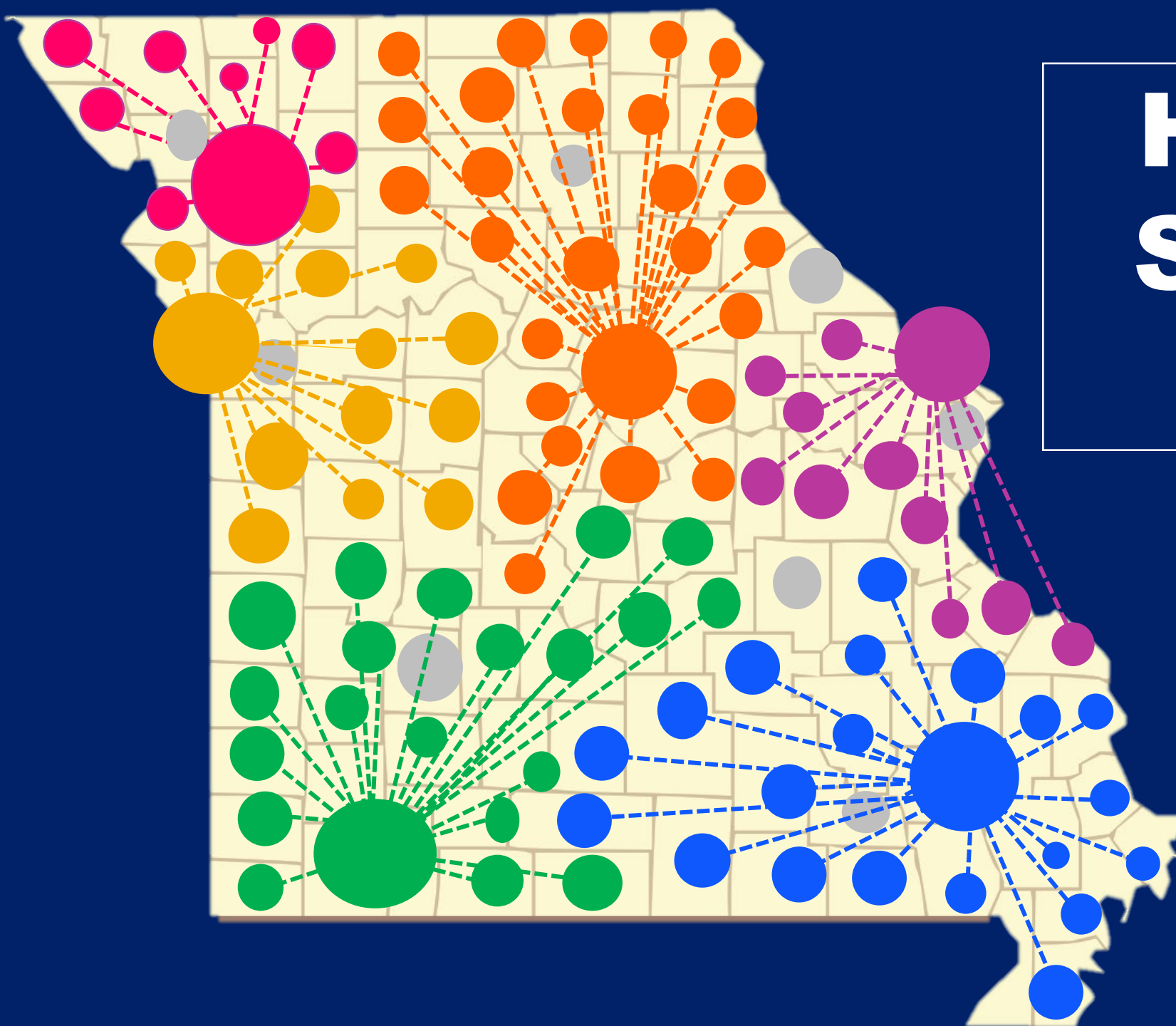
**How does
SAFE-T
work?**





Hub and Satellite Model

Creating a network of Support





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**What will
hospitals
need to do?**

Hospital Requirements



Train Staff



Offer Forensic Exams



Report Data

Hospitals with Current 24/7 Coverage

What Option Do We Have



No Changes



Organization Hub



Become a State Hub

Hospitals with Limited Coverage

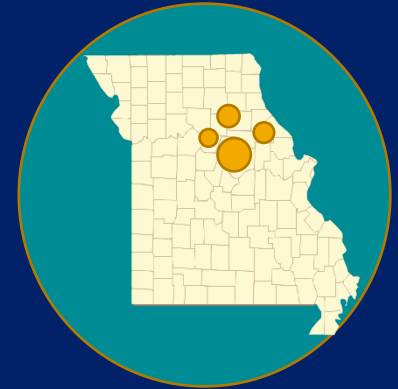
What Option Do We Have?



No Changes



Increase Coverage



Become a Satellite

Hospitals with No SANE Coverage

What Option Do We Have?



Become a Satellite



Develop a Program



SANE training for Prescribers



**How much
space do we
need?**

- ❖ A safe space for survivors to wait if a room isn't available
 - Can be a consult room
- ❖ A room to conduct exams
 - Can be any exam room
- ❖ A place to store evidence
 - A locked cabinet away from public areas
 - Will need separate storage for unused kits
- ❖ A place to store the teleSANE cart





**What will
DHSS be
Providing?**

Support Survivors



**Connectivity
And
Consultation**



**Protocols,
Paperwork
and
Equipment**



**Training and Nursing
Support**



**What's the
proposed
timeline?**

May 2020



Justice for Survivors Act Passed

This act creates the authority for the telehealth network but did not include funds to start the work.

May 2021

Updates to Legislation Passed

Changes include that training must be available online and that hospitals do not need to implement requirements until DHSS establishes the network.

July 2022

General Revenue Funds Appropriated

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services received authority to begin contracts and hire a full time employee to

**Fall
2022**



**Pilot Site
Begins**

DHSS will contract with pilot sites to ensure successful implementation of the statewide SANE Telehealth network.

**January
2024**

**Statewide
Network
Launch**

Hospitals across the state will have access to the SANE Telehealth Network.

January 2024 is a tentative timeline.

**July
2024**

**Deadline for
Hospitals to
Begin Using
Network**

Legislation requires hospitals to provide forensic exams using the network or in-person within six months of network launch.

2025

**Hospitals
Begin
Reporting to
DHSS**

Information on data reporting requirements will be shared no later than network launch date.

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<https://health.mo.gov/living/families/womenshealth/sexual-violence-services.php>

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