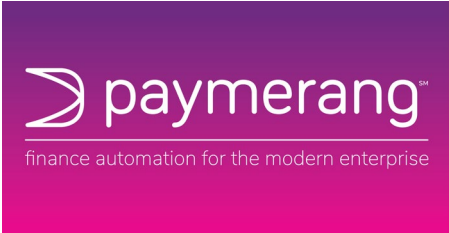


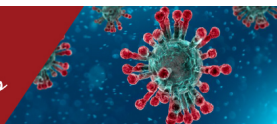
# Thank you to our 2021 LeadingAge Kansas Partners



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# Federal Update – Vaccine Mandate

- Federal court ordered a national injunction to halt federal worker/contractor vaccine mandate.



# More Federal News

## Screening Process for Nursing Home Visitation

CMS confirmed today that they are accepting CDC's updated recommendations for screening individuals prior to entering a healthcare facility (read CDC guidance [here](#)). "Active screening" requiring the presence of a live person is no longer required for entry into nursing homes or other healthcare settings. These settings now have the option to implement screening through electronic monitoring or other systems in which individuals self-report before entering the setting.

# State Update

- KDADS held a "virtual roundtable" this week to discuss survey and certification issues and Medicaid reimbursement issues with adult care home stakeholders. Thank you to Bill Taylor, Treva Greaser, Aimee Middleton and Doug Yoder for attending the meeting on behalf of nonprofit senior care
- Kansas Senior Care Taskforce discussed their first set of legislative recommendations. The Taskforce will encourage the 2022 Kansas Legislature to explore options for restoring the use of temporary nurse aides.
- Thank you to Charlotte Rathke of Locust Grove Village who did a fantastic presentation to the Senior Care Taskforce on the many challenges and needed fixes for the nursing home survey process.

# LeadingAge Kansas Update

The LeadingAge Kansas Board met yesterday to decide our legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. A finalized version of the priorities will be available after the Christmas holiday.

Sneak preview: Two of the top legislative priorities are fully-funded Medicaid rates and staffing agency reforms

Next week: The Bob Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee is meeting for two days next week. A special thank you to Dawn Veh who is providing testimony for LeadingAge Kansas on staffing agency challenges and abuses. This is the first time the committee has set aside time to specifically hear about staffing agency issues.

# LeadingAge National Update

- **Call on CMS Vaccine Mandate TODAY:** National is holding a call to discuss the CMS vaccine mandate and solicit your feedback for comments. Though this rule is currently stayed nationwide, the comment period remains unchanged. **Comments on this rule are due January 4, 2022.**
  - To join the December 10 call:
    - Time: Dec 10, 2021 1 PM Central
    - Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908592826>
    - Meeting ID: 839 0859 2826
- **National has prepared a new resource to assist members in submitting comments on the CMS Vaccine Mandate.** Check it out [here](#).

# Resident to Staff Aggression: Prevention & Response

## • Training Partner Opportunity

- Set goal & create a training plan
  - Provide input into training dates/times
  - No cost training for your team (managers and caregivers)
  - Technical support from project team
- Meet your goal
  - Organizational certificate
  - Press release

Partner spaces are limited. Contact Stephanie today!

[stephanie@leadingagekansas.org](mailto:stephanie@leadingagekansas.org)

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# Value First PPE and Testing Update

- McKesson, Value First's preferred distribution partner, supply chain update:
- The Abbott BinaxNow continues to be under allocation however the **Quidel Quickvue antigen tests are now available.**
- McKesson also does still have **availability on the CareStart rapid antigen test.**
- Continue to anticipate a two week delay with either antigen option.
- Due to high demand, they are requesting limiting orders to 30 day supply.
- McKesson does still have inventory on PPE however they are experiencing some shortages in commodity categories, including plasticware.
- Continue to be in close contact with your McKesson representative with the additional needs you might have. , Scott Fleet.  
(816.305.7177) [scott.fleet@mckesson.com](mailto:scott.fleet@mckesson.com)
- Reach out to me with any questions you may have! [ann@leadingagekansas.org](mailto:ann@leadingagekansas.org)

# Upcoming Weekly Webinar Guest Presenters\*

**January 7th 2022**

**Janine Finck-Boyle, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, LeadingAge**  
**Jodi Eyigor, Director, Nursing Home Quality and Policy, LeadingAge**

**January 28, 2022**

**Joe Franco, LeadingAge Vice President of Grassroots**

**February 18, 2022**

**Cory Kallheim, LeadingAge Vice President of Legal Affairs and Social Accountability**

**February 28, 2022**

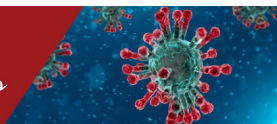
**Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge**

\*These dates are all tentative.

# Upcoming Weekly Webinar Schedule

**December 24 – No Weekly Webinar**

**December 31 – No Weekly Webinar**



# New Member Staff Orientation

Next Wednesday, December 15th @ 1 PM

For all new staff members of your organizations or if you just want a brush up on benefits of membership

RSVP: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkf-2rrT0tG9ZnHpFT2QBXiY1nBqCH0p-j>



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TO CELEBRATE

# Honoring Your Staff



# Mindfulness Minute

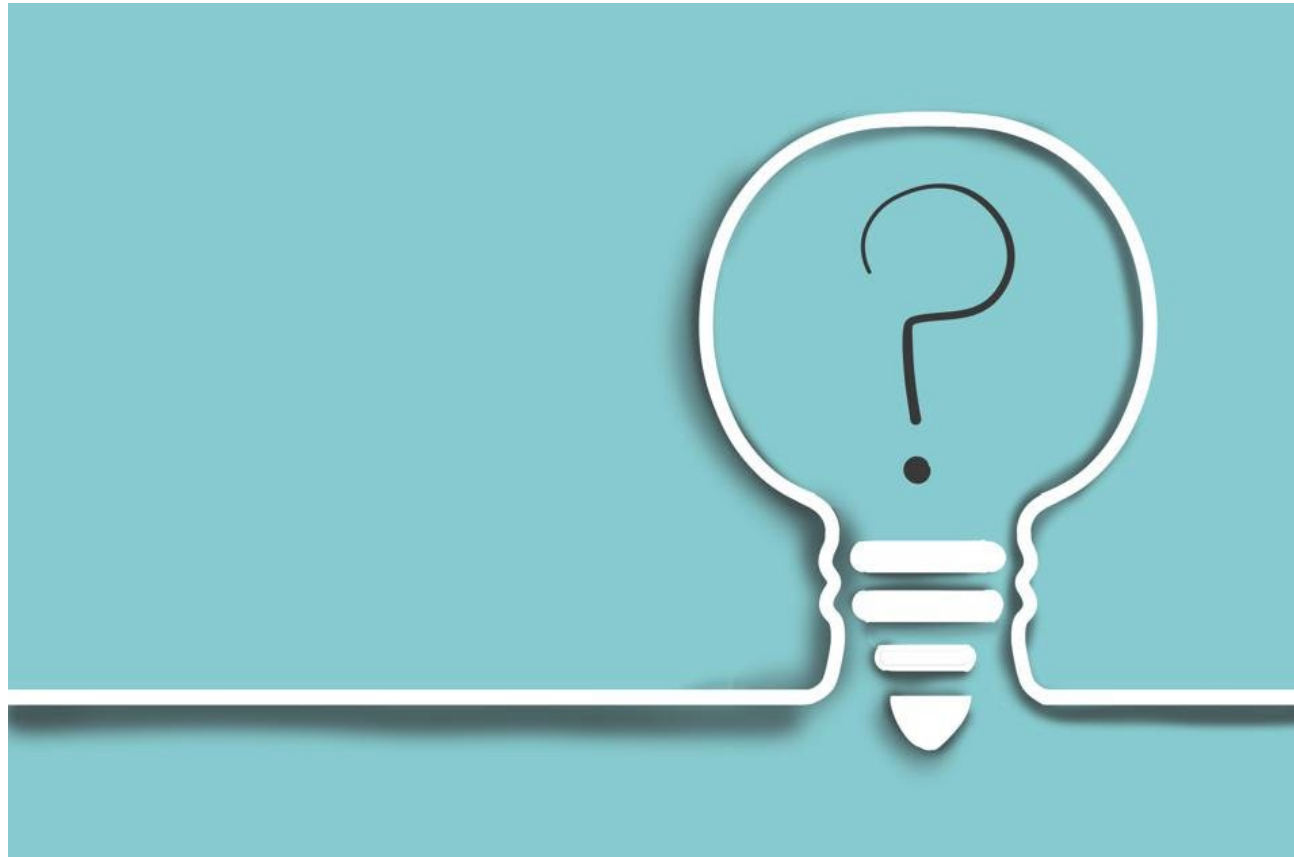
## Going on a nature walk

Studies show that going on a 10-minute walk in nature can reduce the stress hormone cortisol.

Benefits include:

- Reduce stress/burnout
- Live a longer life
- Help you connect with yourself
- [Give yourself a moment before you react](#)
- [Strengthen your resilience](#)





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