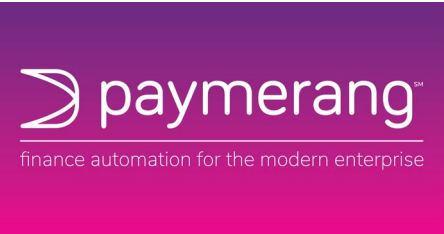


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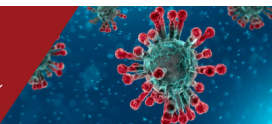
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COVID-19 Weekly Update
December 3, 2021

Federal Update – Vaccine Mandate

- Eastern District of Missouri issued [preliminary injunction](#) against CMS mandate for 10 states (including Kansas) pending outcome of lawsuit
- Western District Court in Louisiana issued [preliminary injunction](#) against CMS mandate for the remaining 40 states pending outcome of lawsuit
- [Memo](#) from CMS stating that they will not enforce mandate rule while it is under court injunction.

Now What?

- Federal government is appealing to US Court of Appeals
- National associations say to be cautious and keep preparing as if the mandate will still go into effect at some point
- Can still go forward (or continue) with your own vaccine requirements



More Federal News

- **ARP Rural Payments Distributed, Phase 4 to Begin Soon** <https://leadingage.org/regulation/arp-rural-payments-distributed-phase-4-begin-soon>

State Update

KDADS updated [visitation guidance](#) for state-licensed only facilities

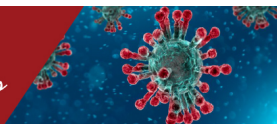
- Updates to match newest CMS visitation rules for nursing homes
- Provides new recommendations for use of Essential Care Givers

Fire Marshal

- [Memo on Vaccination Status of State Inspectors](#)
- [Memo on Power Strip Usage](#)
- [White Paper on Power Strips in Health Care](#)

Legislature

- Senior Care Task Force meets Dec. 6 & 7. Thanks Charlotte Rathke!
- Bethell Committee meets Dec. 14. Thanks Dawn Veh! Email dveh@mennofriend.com about your temporary staffing agency challenges.
CC rachel@leadingagekansas.org.



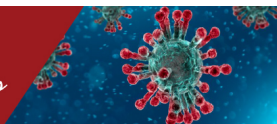
LeadingAge National Update

National Says Nursing Home Staffing Provisions in Build Back Better Bill (BBB) are Unworkable

Thanks to many of you who shared your thoughts on the nursing home staffing provisions in Build Back Better. [Here's a short paper](#) explaining the LeadingAge national position.

LeadingAge is calling for:

- Amending the two nursing home staffing provisions by adding full funding and hold harmless waivers/exemptions that are workable;
- Eliminate the two provisions and undertake a thoughtful nursing home bill, based on the Care for Our Seniors provisions we and AHCA have already put forward; or
- Instead of these staffing provisions add a new center on nursing home staffing to conduct the staffing ratio study and develop a strategy to address staffing challenges in nursing homes



LeadingAge Kansas Update

Ongoing workforce advocacy:

- Adult care home/PACE employee retention program
- "Strike teams" with CDC/KDHE grant
- Temporary aide reauthorization
- RN waiver
- National guard
- Regulatory pathway to temporary shut down while maintaining licensure

The Board will meet December 9th to determine Legislative Priorities. You are encouraged to send your thoughts to debra@leadingagekansas.org and she will convey to the Board.

50 Top leaders attended virtual "Conversation with Debra" this week.

Member Survey Update

FINANCIAL HEALTH



It is **starting to improve** or there is an upward trend since the beginning of the calendar year.

14%



We are **still being hit** by unanticipated expenses and/or losses.

47%



It is **about the same** as the beginning of the calendar year.

23%



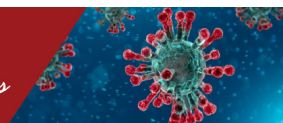
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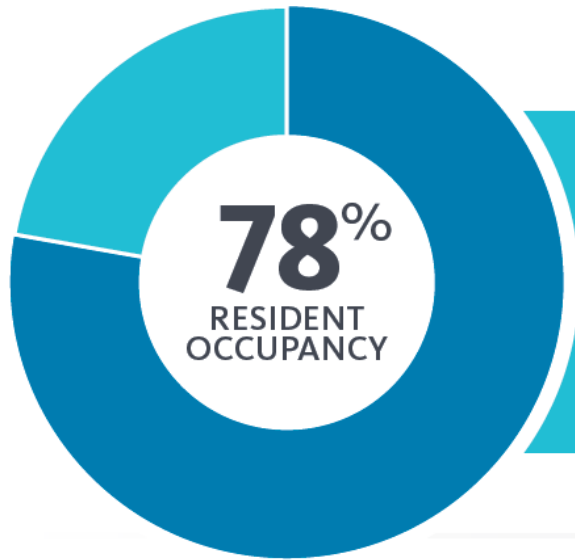


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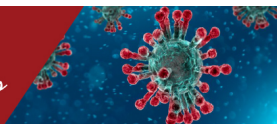
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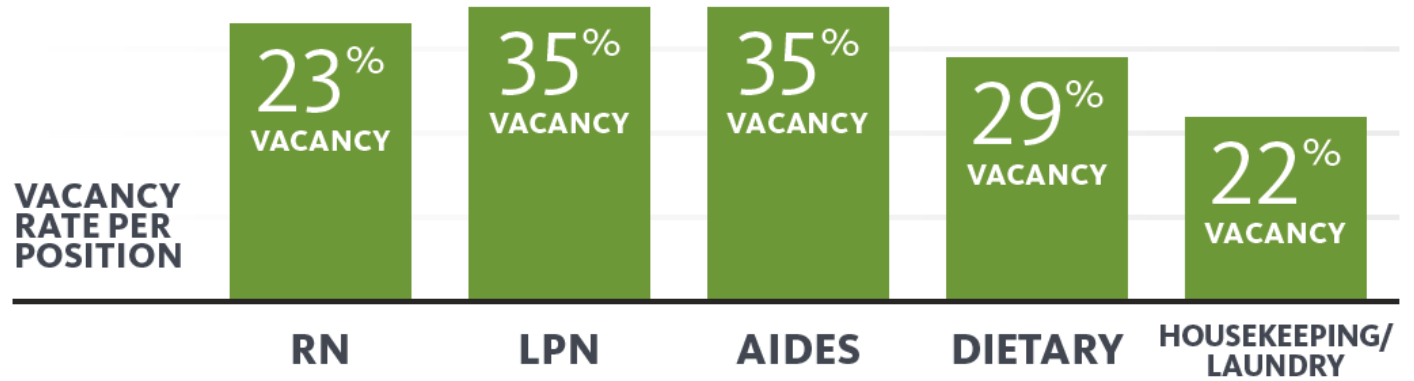
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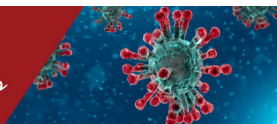
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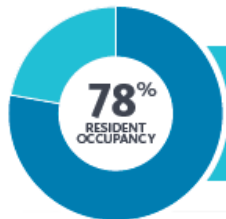
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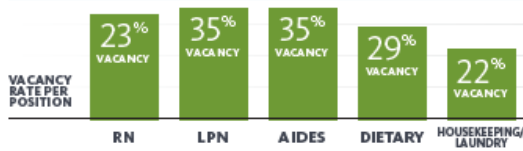
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[Download Infographic](#)

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
- Reach out to me with any questions you may have! ann@leadingagekansas.org



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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

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Joe Franco, LeadingAge Vice President of Grassroots

February 18, 2022

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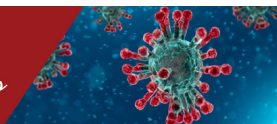
Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge

*These dates are all tentative.

Upcoming Weekly Webinar Schedule

December 24 – No Weekly Webinar

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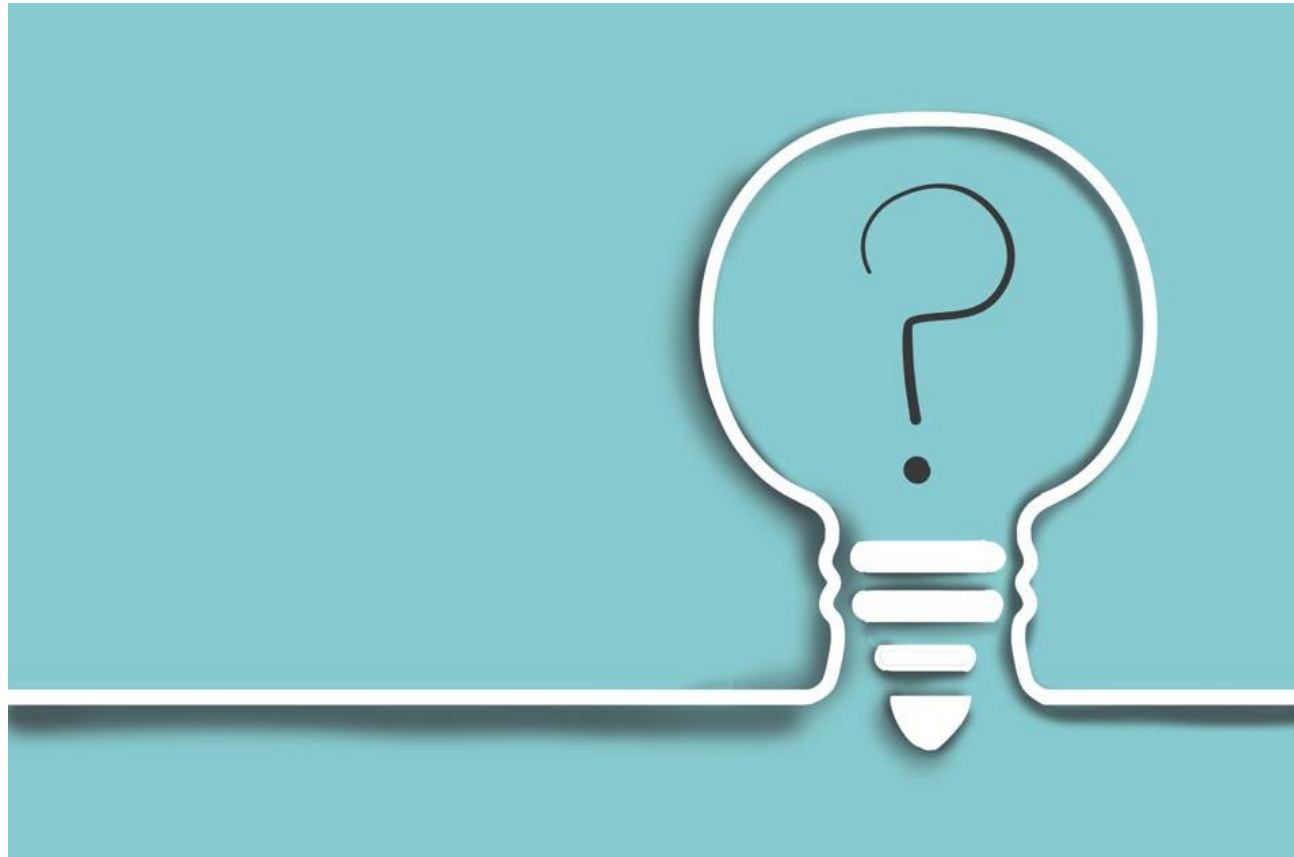


Mindfulness Minute

5 Conscious Breaths

Breathing exercises are one of the oldest meditation practices. They are powerful tools for relaxing both your body and mind. For five breaths, pay attention to the sensations of your full breath cycle: the inhale, slight pause, exhale, slight pause. Don't strain, hold your breath or try to change your breath in any way. Just do your best to focus on the sensations of your breath in your nose, throat, belly or wherever it's easiest for you to pay attention.





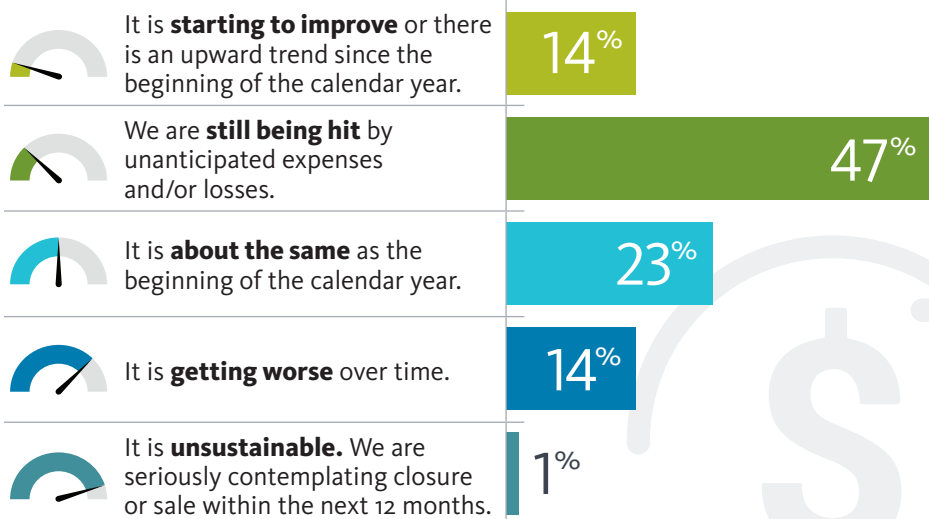
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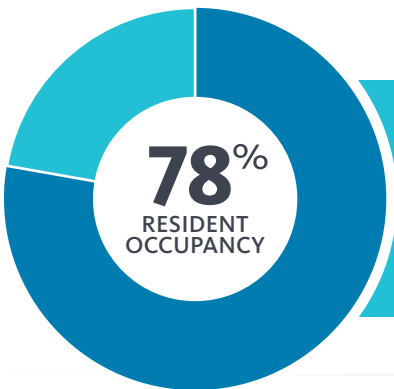
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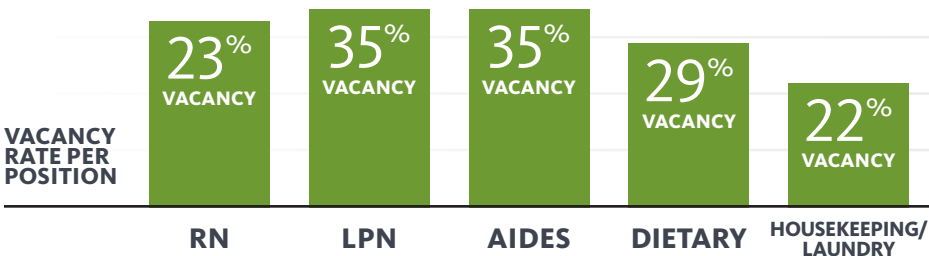
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