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COVID-19 Weekly Update
February 5, 2021

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State Update

- Free COVID-19 Vaccine Education for Long-Term Care Providers Webinar – February 11th, 1:30 PM [Register here](#).
- Annual nursing home surveys resuming, but agency behind due to number of infection control surveys. Over 100 providers are over 15 months. Infection control surveys can be folded into annual surveys
- [There are updated FAQs for Visitation](#) posted with all the other COVID-19 guidance documents on the KDADS COVID-19 [guidance documents webpage](#).
- KDADS has published their new internal policy/protocol for [Survey Staff Testing and PPE](#).
- KDHE Will Continue to Offer COVID-19 Testing for LTC residents and staff at no cost through June 30th

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Federal Update

- Pharmacy Partnership update: starting February 11th the Federal Government will supply vaccines directly to select pharmacies across the country
- Reminder that CMS infection control survey criteria changed, leading to decreases in frequency. [Read more](#)
- Weekly Poll Question

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Legislative Update

- HB 2126 hearing on COVID lawsuit immunity this week
- Next step is for Judiciary committee to debate and vote on whether to advance the bill to the full House for another debate and vote
 - If you have a Judiciary committee member in your area and you haven't heard from me, you will soon!
- HB 2150 hearing
- Requested amendment to allow adult care home to know whether reported abuse was "substantiated"
- Next week:
- ERO 47 hearings (we are neutral)
 - Committees will start debating and voting on bills to move them forward
 - KDADS budget hearings likely to start week after next
 - Weekly Poll Question

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Virtual Spring Conference-Save the Date

- Mark your calendars for the weeks of April 19th and April 26th
- Our goal is to spread out our virtual conference opportunities over the period of those two weeks to maximize everyone's chance to join as able
- We are working on an excellent line up of speakers, exhibitor experiences and networking
- More details coming soon!

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Science of Hope

Dr. Bonni Goodwin, University of Oklahoma

Coping with COVID

Join us Mondays at noon or Thursdays at 4 PM to talk about and process how COVID has impacted us individually.

- [Register for Mondays at Noon](#)
- [Register for Thursdays at 4 PM](#)

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