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LeadingAge Kansas
COVID-19 Weekly Update
March 12, 2021

Federal Update

CMS Revised Visitation Guidance

- [CMS Memo](#)
- [Analysis from LeadingAge National](#)
 - Outdoor visits still the preference from CMS
 - Vaccinated residents can have indoor visits, and can choose contact if mask and hand hygiene
 - Unvaccinated residents can have indoor visits with some exceptions
 - Indoor visits allowed under some circumstances during a facility outbreak
 - Must screen visitors and notify/counsel on risk
 - Can test visitors and ask about vaccination status, but cannot require either as a condition of visitation

American Resue Act Signed by President

\$7.5 billion for vaccines

\$47 billion for testing and PPE

\$250 million for nursing home strike teams

\$200 million for QIOs to support nursing homes with infection control improvement and vaccine uptake

\$8.5 billion to provider relief fund for rural health care providers (including nursing homes)

[And many more...](#)

State Update

Still working on the question of creating a pathway for TNAs to become CNAs. In the meantime, many of our members have gone ahead and enrolled their TNAs in traditional CNA classes.

As of last KDHE report only one LTC had an active cluster of 5+ cases (an assisted living in Wamego.)

We have requested that KDADS do a webinar for LTC providers on visitation

Talk amongst yourselves time:

What are you currently doing regarding visitation?

LeadingAge National Update

Important recording on 2021 Policy Priorities and other hot topics.

<https://vimeo.com/521512082/a0cb55b8a7> Also Handouts.



State Legislative Update

Legislature gone for most of the week on their Turnaround break

Mini updates

- Budget committees working on state budget bills
- [HB 2004](#) (assisted living discharge appeals) being sent to potential senior care taskforce ([HB 2114](#))
- [HB 2126](#) (Covid Immunity) read into the Senate and assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday
- [HB 2150](#) (Adult Protective Services changes to financial abuse and reporting to nursing homes) was sent to House Judiciary Committee for further vetting

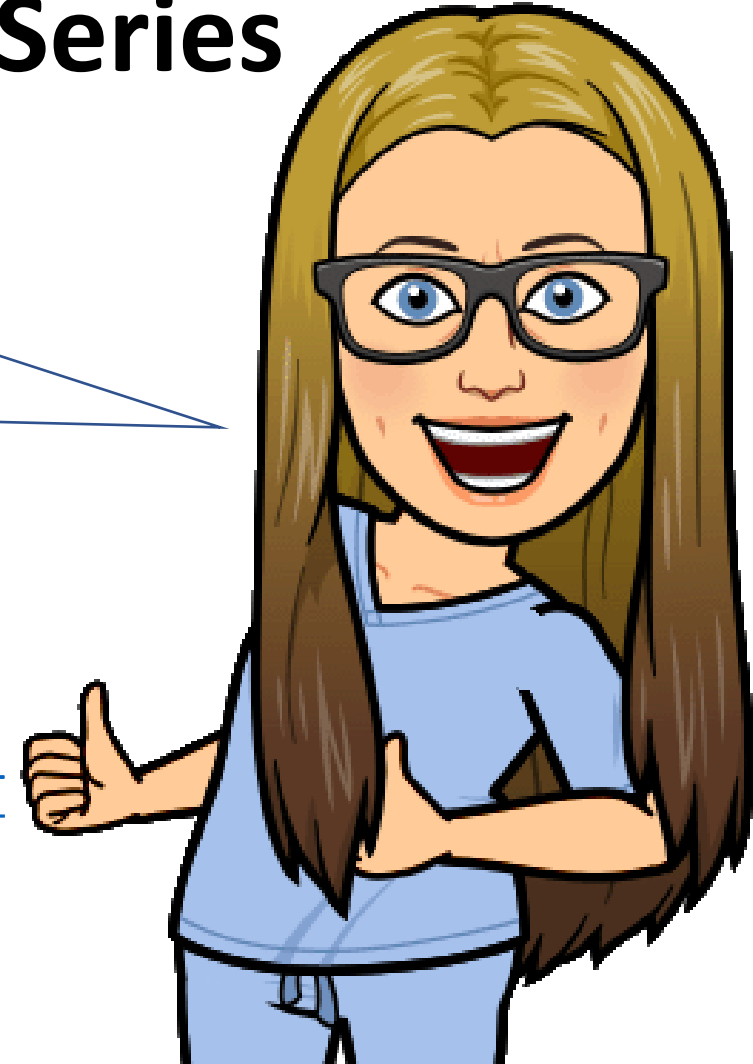
COVID-19 Safety for CNAs Training Series

Interested but still have questions?
Join us at the virtual training open house!

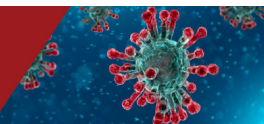
When: Friday, March 26, 2021 2:00 PM CST

How to attend: Register for the open house by visiting
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwudOyprTkvGtKwjks05E2JWNx0x7F62QyT>

What to bring: Have your tablet or smart phone ready to sign into Kahoot!
Don't forget to bring your questions.



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2021 VIRTUAL *Spring Conference*

WEEKS OF APRIL 19TH & APRIL 26TH



Our virtual conference will be spread over two weeks with influential keynotes, timely education sessions, networking opportunities and exhibitor experiences.

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LEADINGAGE POLICY UPDATE

For Members of LeadingAge Kansas

March 9, 2021

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Overview

- **LeadingAge policy priority setting process and the 2021 Policy Priorities**
- **Postcard from Washington, DC**
- **The American Rescue Act**
- **CDC and CMS guidance, especially related to visitation in nursing homes**
- **Nursing home reform**
- **Liability**

Postcard from Washington

- **Change...or not so much?**
- **117th Congress – a different balance**
- **New Administration**
- **Opportunities**

The American Rescue Act

- **Status of the legislation??**
- **What's in the bill for LeadingAge members?**
 - Vaccine, testing, PPE funds
 - Premium pay for “essential workers”
 - Significant state and local funds
 - Provider relief for eligible rural providers
 - \$1400 stimulus checks that do not affect eligibility for Medicaid or HUD
 - Nursing home strike teams and QIO enhancements
 - HCBS Medicaid FMAP bump
 - Housing funding
- **What's NOT in the bill?**
 - Minimum wage increase
 - Provider relief for all providers who need it
 - New housing funds

CDC and CMS Guidance

- **What's next on vaccines?**
- **CDC public health guidance on Monday**
- **CMS guidance – coming out any time now, probably accompanied by additional CDC guidance**
 - **What we know**
 - **Best guesses**

Nursing Home Reform

- **What we've learned from COVID**
- **LeadingAge legislative priorities**
- **National Academies study**
- **Let's be visionary**

COVID-19 Civil Liability Protections

1) PREP Act

2) Federal Legislative Efforts

3) State Legislative and Executive Efforts

PREP Act

- **PREP Act – Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (2005)**
- **What is it and does it apply to COVID-19 pandemic?**
- **Timeline of PREP Act during pandemic**

Federal Legislative Outlook

- **Overview of efforts and competing interests**
- **Broad coalitions seeking protections**
- **Outlook in new administration and Congress**

State Efforts on Liability Protections

- **Wide variations among the states**
- **What is being sought?**
- **The impact of COVID-19 on insurance rates and coverage terms**