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# LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Weekly Update May 14, 2021

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# State Update

## **KDADS update** [Long Term Care Visitation Guidance](#)

Reminder: Periodically check the KDADS [COVID-19 Guidance Documents](#) page for updates. This is also where they post recordings and updated Q&A slides for the monthly COVID-19 webinars.

**New Ombudsman check-in:** How are things going? Have you seen any changes in policies or actions with volunteers and regional offices (good or bad?)

**New Medicaid NF rates** to be published in June 10 Kansas Register <https://sos.ks.gov/publications/kansas-register.html> (We are planning a 2- webinar series.) Contact Bob [bdick@blandcpa.com](mailto:bdick@blandcpa.com) or Kailey [kriskowski@blandcpa.com](mailto:kriskowski@blandcpa.com) if questions.

# Federal Update

[New Interim Rule](#) goes into effect May 21st

- Offer vaccine to all residents and staff
- Document education and refusal/acceptance
- Report resident COVID-19 therapeutics to NHSN
- Report vaccination rates and adverse vaccine reactions to NHSN starting June 13
- Vaccination rates will be available to public

[CMS memo](#) with interpretive guidance

**New CDC guidance** - “[When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated.](#)” We will be seeking confirmation from KDADS and KDHE on application of this CDC guidance in Kansas.

# Legislative Update

- The legislative session ended on May 8th. Sine Die is May 26th
- Budget fix achieved
  - \$15/day Jan-June, 2021 with no LCC approval
  - Protected income limit increase to 300% for PACE and HCBS
- Total budget increases of \$85 million for nursing homes
- More details and bill report in today's Legislative Update email

# How are you doing Visitation these days?

- One example - Locust Grove Village in LaCrosse. Charlotte Rathke
- Others?
- What challenges are you having?

# Upcoming Webinar

## Emotional Recovery - Improving Quality of Life by Incorporating Expressive Touch in Caregiving

Tuesday, May 18 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM

The COVID pandemic and quarantine inflicted devastating effects on the wellbeing of elders residing in skilled nursing facilities. Separation from family members, boredom, and pervasive feelings of loneliness created a cascade of negative consequences, including depression, apathy, increased symptoms of dementia, and poor general health. Nursing homes need new strategies to elevate resident wellbeing as they navigate the COVID-recovery phase.

Julie Boggess, LNHA & CDP

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# COVID-19 Safety for CNAs Training Series

*Last chance to be part of this unique, OSHA grant funded training!*

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