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LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Weekly Update May 28, 2021

State Update

- Big Question Today: Will the state emergency declaration be renewed?
 - If the emergency declaration is renewed, what Executive Orders will be reissued?
- Today is the last day for TA's to work without being certified
- KS Legislature passed a resolution encouraging Governor to reject federal unemployment bonuses
- KDADS still in process for budget increases and revised testing guidance. More updates in early June. SPA has been submitted for CMS approval on \$15/day increase

Federal Update

- New NHSN training module for vaccination reporting. Slides available [here](#) and data collection tools available [here](#)
- GAO released a [report](#) this month on COVID-19 in nursing homes. This report found that during the months of May 2020 through January 2021, 94% of nursing homes experienced more than one outbreak and on average, nursing homes experienced 3 COVID-19 outbreaks.
- **Emergency Broadband Benefit** - monthly discount on internet services to assist households with low incomes. 900+ broadband providers have agreed to participate. Open to eligible new, prior, and existing customers of the internet service provider. Eligibility criteria and outreach information is available [here](#).
- HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra formally [swore in Chiquita Brooks-LaSure as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#)

LeadingAge National Update

- **June 3rd Webinar, 11 AM Central: Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce** Evidence-based policies and practices for strengthening the direct care workforce in the wake of the pandemic. [Learn more and register.](#)
- LeadingAge National Nursing Home Advisory Group meets the last Tuesday of the Month. To join contact Jodi Eyigor jeyigor@leadingage.org



SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Webinars

Medicaid NF Rates Calculation and Strategies - 2 Part Webinar

Tuesday, July 20 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Tuesday, July 27 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dave Halferty, Mayers & Stauffer | Session 1

Bob Dick, Bland & Associates | Session 2

Still confirming details. Keep watching for registration soon.

Guest Presenter on June 11 Weekly Webinar

David McDonnell – OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

COVID-19 Safety for CNAs Training Series



Got college or high school students coming to work as CNAs this summer?

Let us help you get them COVID-19 ready with our OSHA grant funded COVID-19 Safety for CNAs training series.

For more information contact STEPHANIE@LEADINGAGEKANSAS.ORG

Sign-up today! Training starts in early June and spaces are limited.

This training was designed just for CNAs.
It's **Relevant, Engaging** and **Free!**



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Any final questions?

