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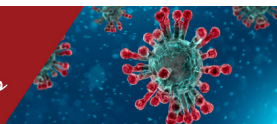
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LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Weekly Update June 11, 2021





Happy Nurses
Assistants Day

Thank you for your
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Week!

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OSHA Presentation

Gladys Keino – Senior Industrial Hygiene Compliance Safety and Health Officer

David McDonnell – OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist



State Update

- KDHE and/or local health departments may want to continue COVID-19 testing requirements for state-licensed adult care homes even after Kansas state of emergency ends June 15th.
- KDADS exploring change to licensing to track adult day services provided in nursing home and assisted living settings.

Federal Update

- CMS released interim final rule [CMS-3414-IFC](#) **vaccine and therapeutics reporting begins this coming Monday, June 14**. More info is available in this [CMS memo](#).
 - If you have not already started submitting vaccine information to NHSN note that you must have your reporting done by 11:59pm this Sunday in order to avoid a civil monetary penalty. CMPs will be automatically generated by CMS, the same way they did it for the initial NHSN reporting requirement.
 - ***When/how often do I report?*** CDC wants the data to be as accurate as possible. The reporting week is Monday – Sunday so they say you can report on Mondays for the previous week or you can report on your regular day, then go back in later to correct the data. CMS says, “As long as you report once per week, you are in compliance.”
 - ***What does “cumulative” reporting mean in this requirement?*** The rule was effective May 21, and QSO-21-19-NH states that nursing homes must “begin including vaccination and therapeutics data . . .by 11:59pm Sunday, June 13.” When you report, you are reporting on any eligible resident or staff member in that reporting week, regardless of whether they were vaccinated that week or 6 months ago, and regardless of whether they were vaccinated in your nursing home or at a location in the community.

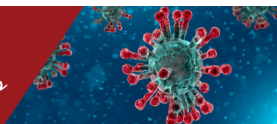
Federal Update

- **The Department of Labor/OSHA** issued an [Emergency Temporary Standard](#) for healthcare settings re: COVID-19 protections for employees. [Here](#) is a brief summary of the provisions of the rule.
- HHS Secretary indicated Wednesday that **more guidance is coming on provider relief fund spending**. He did not indicate whether the June 30th deadline for spending your PRF dollars will be extended.

LeadingAge National Update

Comments on the new interim rule on vaccine education and reporting are due July 12. LeadingAge will be submitting comments on the rule and we encourage states and individual members to do so as well. We have developed [this resource](#) to assist in the process of submitting comments. If you have any questions on this resource or wish to discuss comments, please reach out to Jodi (jeyigor@leadingage.org) and Rachel (rachel@leadingagekansas.org)

LeadingAge Supports New “Audio-Only” Telehealth Legislation Targeting Rural, Underserved Areas. Today, Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and **Jerry Moran (R-KS)** introduced the bipartisan *Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act* to make current telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program permanent, after the COVID-19 pandemic. LeadingAge is one of the 20 stakeholder organizations that support this bill.



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, Myers & Stauffer | Session 1

Bob Dick, Bland & Associates | Session 2

Have specific questions you would like them to answers – Let us know. Send them to Nicole@leadingagekansas.org

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Upcoming Webinar

HCBS Final Setting Rules – Presentation with Q&A

Thursday, August 12 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Russell Bowles, BSOE – ICF-IID Program Manager, KDADS
Colin Rork – HCBS Program Integrity Manager
LaTonia Wright, HCBS Project Manager, KDADS

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Any final questions?

