

Thank you to our 2022 LeadingAge Kansas Partners



LeadingAge Kansas
Weekly Webinar
January 7, 2022

Guest Presenters

**Janine Finck-Boyle,
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs LeadingAge**

**Cory Kallheim
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Federal Update

- **Changes to CMS Visitation FAQs.** The changes are shown in red in the [document](#). Key changes to the December 23 FAQs include:
 - States may instruct nursing homes to take additional measures to make visitation safer, while ensuring visitation can still occur (e.g., requiring visitors to wear masks that fit well and provide better protection).
 - Nursing homes should continue to work with their health departments when outbreaks occur and document their discussions and the actions they took to attempt to control the outbreak.
 - A new question #10 asks if providers should continue to permit visitation during the Omicron spike; in short, the answer is yes.
 - New question #11 asks why residents can choose to have visits when cases are increasing. The answer reiterates that this is a resident right.
 - The final new question offers suggestions for how to conduct visits to reduce COVID transmission, such as offering masks, increasing ventilation, cleaning and sanitizing the visitation area after each visit, etc.
- **CDC Shortens Booster timing recommendation**
CDC revised its guidance on [Booster Shots](#) to shorten the time from the last primary dose to the booster for Pfizer-BioNTech. The new interval is five months. It is still six months for Moderna.

State Update

- **Governor Kelly announced 15 day emergency declaration and issued new executive orders for adult care homes and hospitals.**
 - [EO 22-02](#) Restores use of temporary aides and other licensing flexibilities granted in previous executive orders
 - Under a new Kansas law the Governor can only issue an emergency declaration for up to 15 days. The legislature must authorize an extension of the emergency declaration beyond that, and the Governor has asked the legislature to fast-track an extension as soon as they convene on Monday
- **Batelle Registration** It is extremely important to get registered (or confirm your registration) with Batelle for access to FREE surveillance testing. The contracts with regional labs have been renewed for use by long term care, but only until the end of March. On-boarding with Batelle takes at least two weeks. If you are not already registered, contact [Maleah Slaughter](#) at the Midwest Coordination Center or phone her at 1-614-424-3381.

LeadingAge National Update

- **Member Check-In on COVID-related issues** you are presently facing to determine how to support your needs. Kansas results will be shared with LeadingAge Kansas and be very useful for education and advocacy with our legislators and agency officials. [Thank you for answering these short questions](#). Deadline: Mon., Jan. 10, COB.
- **Online Coronavirus Policy Updates** 2:30 PM CT Jan. 10 - CDC will explain most recent CDC guidance on isolation after a positive test, the [updated recommendations for healthcare personnel](#) and [strategies for mitigating staffing shortages](#), the CDC's work to promote boosters, and other issues. [Register today](#).

LeadingAge Kansas Update

- **Please Complete Our Survey About Temporary Staffing Agencies. Deadline extended to January 11th.** [The survey](#) will help us better understand the staffing agency landscape and advocate on your behalf during the 2022 state legislative session.
- The 2022 Kansas Legislative Session starts Monday. Read the [LeadingAge Kansas 2022 Legislative Priorities](#) and keep an eye on your inbox for the weekly Legislative Update.
- Plans are underway for a Virtual Advocacy Day for members in February. Stay tuned for more details.

Reminder

- Make sure you and your leadership team are reading the LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Updates every Mon, Weds and Fri.
- Archived at <https://www.leadingagekansas.org/covid19>. (You will need your user name and password.)

Value First PPE and Testing Update

McKesson, Value First's preferred distribution partner, supply chain update:

- The Quidel Quickvue and CareStart rapid antigen tests are still available if your community is in need.
- As of today, the Quidel test can be available within a week however with the Carestart test please allow for a minimum three-week backorder delay.
- Due to the very high demand, you may still be requested to limit orders to a 30-day supply.
- McKesson has begun to see some challenges with keeping gowns in continual supply. Orders will be fulfilled however increasing your lead time would be suggested.
- Additional PPE supplies continue to be readily available however plastic and paper products have become harder to stock consistently.
- Should your community have challenges finding any product in high demand, please reach out to ann@leadingagekansas.org.

Upcoming Educational Webinar

Reduced Facility Acquired Infections and Staff Call-Out
Results of a Prospective and Retrospective Study in
Long-Term Care

Tuesday, January 11 | 1:00 PM

[Click to Register](#)

Upcoming Weekly Webinar Guest Presenters*

January 28, 2022

Joe Franco, LeadingAge Vice President of Grassroots

February 25, 2022

Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge

*These dates are all tentative.

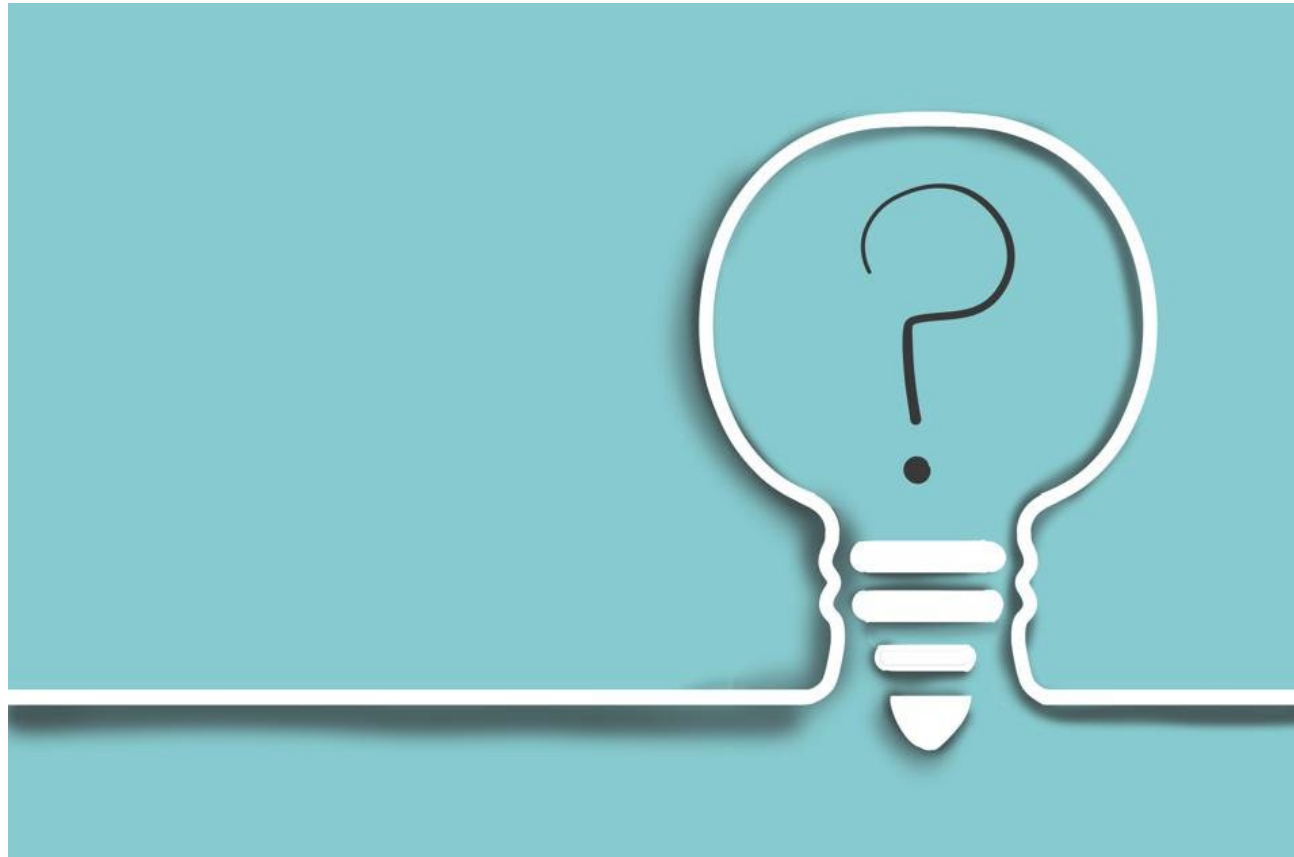
Mindfulness Minute

Single Tasking

To deepen the practice, focus on:

- how you're breathing
- how your body feels in your seat, or how your feet feel against the floor if you're standing
- the sensation of the air or your clothes against your skin
- the structure and posture of your body





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LeadingAge Kansas 2022 Legislative Priorities

LEAD

Maximum organizational effort – assume a visible and active role and expend significant time, energy and grassroots power to advance)

Nursing Facility Funding for State Fiscal Year 2023

Position: Medicaid funding for SFY 2023 must be in compliance with K.S.A. 75-5958, and the Kansas Legislature must fully fund our reimbursement formula to assure quality long term care for frail elderly Kansans.

Temporary Agency Staffing in Long Term Care

Position: Temporary health care staffing agencies require oversight and reforms to protect the public, as well as the financial stability of Medicaid providers and the Medicaid program. We support introduction of previous House Bill 2629 to cap temporary staffing agency pricing and establish regulatory oversight to curb the worst business practices by staffing agencies in our state.

Restore Use of Temporary Aides During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Position: Staffing needs remain at a crisis level in Kansas adult care homes. We support Executive and Legislative branch actions to allow adult care homes to once again use temporary aides to supplement resident care needs.

ENGAGE

Moderate organizational effort – not necessarily as the lead advocacy entity, but rather, targeted activity such as coalition membership, collaborative advocacy efforts, contribution of information and/or testimony

Modernize and Expand Certified Nurse Aide Training in Kansas

Position: Certified Nurse Aides are the backbone of long term care services and supports. CNA certification is also a prerequisite for Certified Medication Aides, Home Health Aides, Licensed

Practical Nursing and some Registered Nursing programs in Kansas. Finding ways to increase the CNA training pipeline is an essential part of solving workforce issues across the entire health care spectrum. We support efforts to update CNA statutes and regulations to expand instructor categories and clinical modernization.

State Investments in Health Care Workforce Training and Recruitment

Position: Adult care homes are in desperate need of an abundant, stable, and well-trained workforce. We need long term investments that will assist long term care, and health care providers in general, to attract and retain more workers in the health care field. We support state-funded grant programs and tuition reimbursement for students who commit to working in long term care other high shortage areas of the state.

MONITOR

Minimal organizational effort, active tracking, weigh in as deemed necessary

Involuntary Discharge Appeal Rights for Assisted Living Residents

Position: We have serious concerns regarding legislation granting appeal rights to residents who have been involuntarily discharged from an assisted living or other state-licensed adult care home. Forcing an assisted living facility to retain a resident whose needs it cannot meet has wide-ranging and seriously negative effects on the health and safety of residents, and the continued affordability and operations of residential care settings.

Kansas State Fire Marshal Reform

Position: Survey and Enforcement reform is always needed within the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal. We support efforts to limit the scope and authority of the Kansas Fire Marshal and any reforms that lead to more flexibility within fire marshal regulations and more consistency in the application of those regulations.

Medicaid Expansion

Position: We support creation of a KanCare expansion plan that promotes personal responsibility for participants and minimizes its effect on the state Medicaid budget.