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LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Weekly Update June 18, 2021



State Update

Kansas COVID-19 state of emergency ended Tuesday, June 15th

KDHE officials confirmed that nothing should change for providers, everything available to you during the emergency order will remain in place, including testing and emergency supplies.

All Executive Orders related to COVID-19 are expired. That includes use of temporary nurse aides and mandatory surveillance testing in state-licensed only settings (assisted living, homes plus, residential health care facilities, nursing homes not in Medicaid or Medicare program)

Note: We have heard from KDADS that KDHE and local health departments may be looking for a way to continue the surveillance testing requirements for state-licensed providers

State Update

- KDADS has audited 15 nursing homes and 5 HCBS providers for use of SPARK funds, with responses due this week. Let us know if you were one of them
- New NF Medicaid rates go into effect on July 1. Rates posted [here](#)
- Questions about your rate? Email Georgianna.correll@ks.gov or bob.dick@blandcpa.com

Federal Update

- Provider Relief Fund Updates from June 15 Stakeholder call and Updated FAQs. [New summary from National](#)
- COVID-19 [Nursing Home Data](#) Released by CMS
 - Facilities with 75% or more completed vaccinations for staff are [listed](#).
 - If questions or concerns email jeyigor@leadingage.org, cc bdavis@kfmc.org

LeadingAge National Update

Do you have any feedback you would like us to pass along to LeadingAge National. Examples: Questions? Concerns? Ideas for advocacy?



Upcoming Webinars

DON Learning Group resumes on June 25th, 1-3 PM. Virtual this time.

Register [HERE](#)

Please send topics you'd like to discuss with your DON peers to hayley@leadingagekansas.org

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

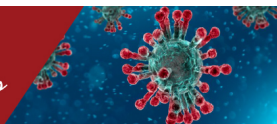
Bob Dick, Bland & Associates | Session 2

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

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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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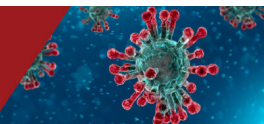


Save the date - Fall Conference Oct. 19-20 in Salina

Send ideas for topics, speakers, exhibitors, session formats and how to celebrate a return to live event or other ways to make it the best conference ever to hayley@leadingagekansas.org and nicole@leadingagekansas.org

We are so looking forward to seeing all of you in person again!

Any final questions?



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