

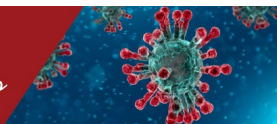
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LeadingAge Kansas Weekly Webinar January 28, 2022

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Federal Update

OSHA Withdraws Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard

It has not withdrawn the vaccine mandate as a proposed rule. OSHA standards take much longer to enact than CMS proposed rules (typically 6+ years), but we will continue to monitor any developments.

CMS to Increase Test Kit Allocation to Nursing Homes

An additional 5 million tests will be sent based on county prevalence and resident and staff counts reported to NHSN.

Antibody Testing Guidelines

CDC [updated its interim guidelines for COVID-19 antibody testing](#) in clinical and public health settings.

OTC Home Testing and CLIA Applicability

CMS [updated their Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) page](#) on over the counter (OTC) home testing and clinical laboratory improvement amendments (CLIA) applicability.

Federal Update, cont.,

CMS F-888 Survey Resources include:

1. [Long-Term Care Survey Process Procedure Guide](#)
2. [CMS-20054 Infection Prevention Control and Immunization Critical Element Pathway \(CEP\)](#)
3. [Entrance Conference Worksheet](#)
4. [Staff Matrix for F-888](#)
5. Updates have been made to the [COVID-19 FIC Survey Protocol](#) to address additions to the process such as the new staff Matrix for F-888.

Vaccine Mandate News

As you continue to prepare for the first deadline on staff vaccinations make sure to review recent Kansas law regarding medical and religious vaccine exemptions

See handouts for KS vaccine exemption law and its official summary

State Update

Battelle Testing Update

- Issues with adult care homes being told they do not qualify for testing because they do not meet the minimum testing pool. KDHE believes they have found a solution, so if you have previously been told you are not qualified please try again.
- Many homes are signed up with Battelle for testing but have not yet on-boarded, waiting until the end of March. KDHE suggests that homes develop a hybrid testing approach so they can get started on the 2-4 week on-boarding process well before March 31

Webinar: Staff Vaccination Regulatory Oversight and Enforcement

KDADS - Presenters

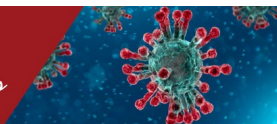
Scott Brunner – Deputy Secretary

Lacey Hunter - Commissioner

Dawne Stevenson – Assistant Commissioner

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Send questions to nicole@leadingagekansas.org



Legislative Update

This week:

Roundtable discussion on long term care in House Health and Human Services

Long term care staffing discussion in House Social Service Budget

Hearings on off-label prescriptions for ivermectin and freezing changes to the Medicaid program until 2025

Next Week:

Tuesday, Feb 1 hearing on staffing agency bill (HB 2524). If you want to write a letter to the legislative committee sharing your story please let me know today!

LeadingAge Kansas Update

February 18, 10 AM – Advocacy Day will occur at Weekly Webinar scheduled time



LeadingAge National News

Reporting on Nursing Home Infection Control Provider Relief Funds

Join us Wednesday, February 2nd at Noon Central for a webinar highlighting what LeadingAge nursing home members need to know to comply with the PRF reporting requirement. Hear from the team at the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Bureau, to learn more about NHIC allowable expenses, how to use the PRF Reporting Portal to report on NHIC payments, and what resources are available to assist you with reporting in Reporting Period 2. [Register today.](#)

Value First PPE and Testing Update

- **Additional Rapid Test Distribution:**

- 5 million Celltrion DiaTrust™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Tests will begin to be distributed to CMS-certified SNF. The Celltrion tests do require [nasopharyngeal specimen collection](#).
- Each SNF will receive approximately four tests per resident and will be shipped over a 5-week period.
- For information about this test distribution, contact eocevent588@cdc.gov.

- **Abbott BinaxNow Distribution:**

- When reviewing expiration date / lot numbers on the test cards..

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

- All rapid antigen tests are now under allocation. Researching other rapid options.
- McKesson has begun to see improvement in gown availability however N95's are now on rolling backorder.
- Should your community have challenges finding any product in high demand, please reach out to ann@leadingagekansas.org

Save the Date – April 14 & 15 Wichita @ Hyatt Regency

We are very excited to return in-person for our 2022 Spring Conference & Expo!

LeadingAge Kansas will be sharing more about the experience in the next couple weeks.

In the chat, please share any education needs or ideas you have to make this a great conference!



Upcoming Weekly Webinar Guest Presenters*

February 4, 2022

Joe Franco, LeadingAge Vice President of Grassroots

February 18, 2022 Virtual Advocacy Day (Legislators Invited)

February 25, 2022

Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO of LeadingAge

*These dates are all tentative.

Mindfulness Minute

"self-care doesn't have to be all-or-nothing. it doesn't have to be hour-long routines. and often that all-or-nothing way of thinking is what keeps us from taking care of ourselves."

