

All Member Call Agenda December 7, 2021

- **Welcome**
- **Updates**
- **Visitation**
 - CMS QSO 20-39-NH Memo 11/12/21
 - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>
- **Activity Programming**
 - Michele Tarsitano, Kendal at Oberlin
 - Chair for the LeadingAge Ohio life enrichment fellowship monthly call

Email questions to COVID19@leadingageohio.org



Welcome

Listening Sessions

In person sessions:

- Monday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. - Noon
Miami University, Scripps Gerontology Center
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m.
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- Thursday, Dec. 16, 1-3 p.m.
The Ohio State University Health Sciences Colleges

Virtual listening sessions:

- Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - Noon
- Monday, Dec. 20, 3-5 p.m.

Kendal at Oberlin



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Vaccination

CMS Memo - QSO-22-04-ALL

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-04-all.pdf>

Survey and Enforcement of the Vaccine Requirement for Health Care Staff in Medicare- and Medicaid-certified Providers and Suppliers Suspended While Court Ordered Injunctions are in Effect.

House Bill 218 (Cutrona):

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-218>

Upcoming Education

12/8 STAT: Survey Tips and Tactics

12/9 Activity Professionals Zoom Fellowship Meeting

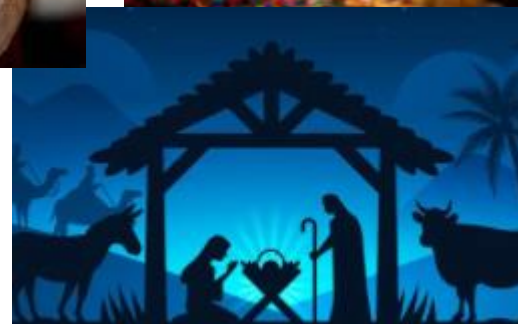
12/9 Virtual Philanthropy Gathering: -Planned Giving -
It's Easier than You Think

1/10 – 1/27 - Core of Knowledge

<https://leadingageohio.org/aws/LAO/pt/sp/education>

What Will Celebrations Look Like?

Holiday Traditions



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Visitation

Visitor screening – exclude if COVID+, symptomatic, or quarantined

Question - When can they return for a visit?

- COVID+ = 10 days
 - Day 1 is 1st day of symptoms
 - If asymptomatic then 10 days after testing positive
- Exposure
 - Unvaccinated = 14 days after last exposure
 - Vaccinated or COVID recovered past 90 days = quarantine not required
 - Wear a mask
 - Test 5-7 days after exposure
 - If become symptomatic = quarantine or isolate if positive

*Kendal Shares
Screening
Example*

Visitation

Facilities must allow indoor visitation at all times and for all residents as permitted under the regulations.

Facilities can no longer limit the frequency and length of visits for residents, the number of visitors, or require advance scheduling of visits.

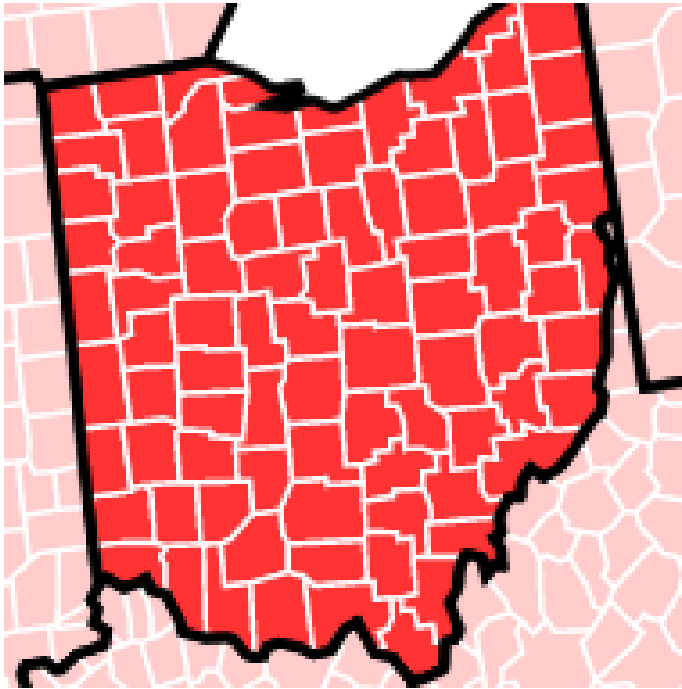
Core Principles – i.e., distancing

Large gatherings – avoid when large numbers in same space without distancing.

If a resident's roommate is unvaccinated or immunocompromised (regardless of vaccination status), visits should not be conducted in the resident's room

Kendal gets Creative

Community Level Transmission



COVID-19 community level of transmission is substantial to high, all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, at all times.

Low to moderate transmission - If the resident and all their visitor(s) are fully vaccinated and the resident is not moderately or severely immunocompromised, they may choose not to wear face coverings or masks and to have physical contact.

Visitation on Precautions

Transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine can still receive visitors.

- In the resident's room
- Wear a well-fitting facemask (if tolerated).
- Inform visitors of the potential risk of visiting and precautions necessary in order to visit the resident.
- Visitors should adhere to the core principles of infection prevention.
- Facilities may offer well-fitting facemasks or other appropriate PPE, if available; however, facilities are not required to provide PPE for visitors.

Physical Touch

- Fully vaccinated residents can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor in accordance with the CDC's "Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic."
- Unvaccinated residents may also choose to have physical touch based on their preferences and needs, such as with support persons for individuals with disabilities and visitors participating in certain religious practices, including in end-of-life situations. In these situations, unvaccinated residents (or their representative) and their visitors should be advised of the risks of physical contact prior to the visit.

Visitation During Outbreak

- Visitors must still be allowed in the facility
- Inform visitors of potential risk of visiting during an outbreak investigation and adhere to the core principles of infection prevention.
- Visitors should wear face coverings or masks during visits, regardless of vaccination status
- Visits should ideally occur in the resident's room.

Visitor Testing Guidance

- Encourage facilities in counties with substantial or high levels of community transmission to offer testing to visitors, if feasible.
- If facilities do not offer testing, they should encourage visitors to be tested on their own before coming to the facility (e.g., within 2–3 days).

Kendal's experience with proactive testing

When Residents Leave

- Screen residents upon return for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- If exposed, test regardless of vaccination status, quarantine unvaccinated.
- If symptomatic, test, place on Transmission-Based Precautions regardless of vaccination status.
- May opt to test asymptomatic unvaccinated residents
- May quarantine unvaccinated residents who leave the facility based on an assessment of risk
- Monitor residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 daily.
- Residents who leave the facility for 24 hours or longer - managed as a new admission or readmission, as recommended by the CDC's "Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes."

Programming

- Holiday lights
- Singing carolers
- Meals
- Life Enrichment Call
- New Year's Eve bags
- Gather Voices
 - [https://www.leadingageohio.org/aws/LAO/pt/sp/about awards writing](https://www.leadingageohio.org/aws/LAO/pt/sp/about_awards_writing)
 - <https://www.gathervoices.co/>

Activity Professionals Zoom Fellowship Meeting

Activity professionals within the LeadingAge Ohio membership are coming together to offer emotional support, share ideas, and discuss resources in the midst of current COVID-19 restrictions. We want to continue to grow this community and we need your help!

This group is planning to meet monthly using a Zoom platform.

The next call is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, at 12:00 PM.

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