

All Member Call Agenda January 26, 2022

- **Welcome & Updates**
 - Kathryn Brod | President/CEO
- **Provider Relief Funds Update**
 - Susan Wallace | Chief Policy Officer
- **Vaccine Mandate & CMS/CDC Updates**
 - Anne Shelley | Director of Home Health/Hospice Regulatory Relations
 - Stephanie DeWees | Quality & Regulatory Specialist | LeadingAge Ohio

Welcome



Kathryn Brod
President/CEO

Upcoming Education

2/2 Navigating Antimicrobial Use at End of Life

2/9 STAT: Survey Tips & Tactics

2/10 Activity Professionals Zoom Fellowship Meeting

3/3 Hospice & Palliative Nurse Review Course

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

New Year. New Initiative. New Learning Opportunities.

<https://leadingage.org/members/new-year-new-initiative-new-learning-opportunities>

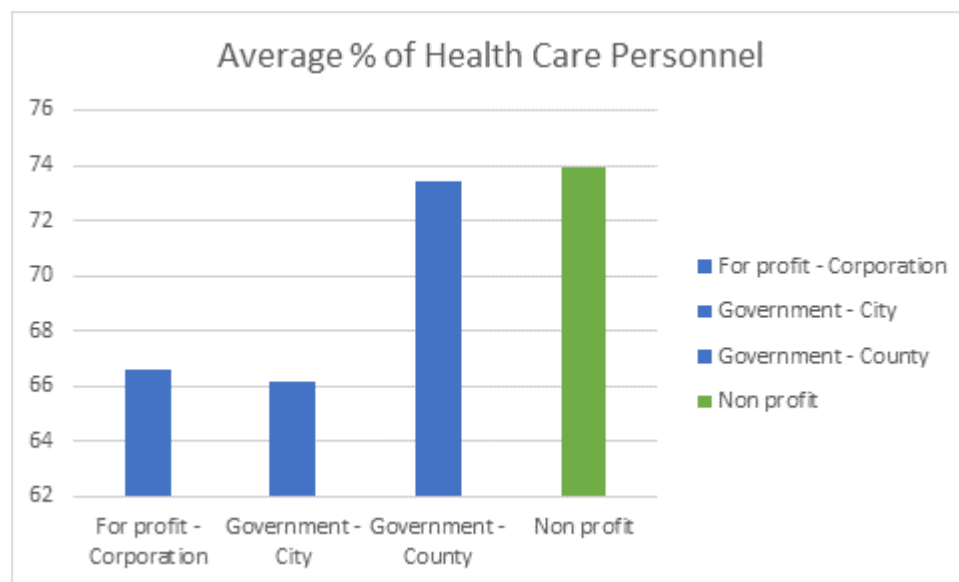
Provider Relief Funds

- Two newsletter articles
 - ODM shares plans to distribute relief funds
https://leadingageohio.org/aws/LAO/pt/sd/news_article/415910/self/layout_details/false
 - ODM to distribute relief funds based on Medicaid days, QIP
https://leadingageohio.org/aws/LAO/pt/sd/news_article/417226/self/layout_details/false
- Materials on ARPA HCBS page
 - <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/stakeholders-and-partners/mcdinitiatives/ARPA+HCBS+Update>

Late-breaking updates: NF & AL

- AL: OAKS portal ready by mid-February
- NFs: \$14.07/ Medicaid day (2020) / \$.36 / pt / day
 - ODM will share **draft, estimated** amounts with LeadingAge Ohio
 - Imputed for CHOPS, partial-year cost reports
 - Direct care spending requirements: Any profession not prohibited (draft rule forthcoming)
 - No anticipated auditing beyond typical cost reports, no timeline for either accounting for or expending funds

NHSN Data from Week of 1/9/22



- For 288 organizations there were no data reported
 - 222 for-profit
 - 4 government
 - 62 non-profit
- 11 organizations (7 for-profit; 4 non-profit) report 100% HCP vaccination rate

Vaccine Mandate

Dates: 2/14/22 & 3/15/22

CMS Guidance

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-09-all-injunction-lifted.pdf>

CMS Acute & Continuing Care Surveyor Training

<https://qsep.cms.gov/data/290/VaxMandateAcuteCareSurveyTrainingScript.pdf>

CMS Long-Term Care Surveyor Training

<https://qsep.cms.gov/data/289/SurveyingfortheNewStaffVaccinationRuleforNHs.pdf>

Vaccine Mandate

LTC Survey Process Documents

1. Survey Resources Folder

- LTC Survey Pathways
- Entrance Conference form
- LTCSP Procedure Guide

2. Added Survey Resources-January 2022 Folder

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/guidanceforlawsandregulations/nursing-homes>

Vaccination Expectations for Surveyors

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-10-all.pdf>

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- Policy & procedures, contingency plans
- Tracking and securely documenting
- Surveyors will not evaluate the details of the request for a religious exemption, nor the rationale for the facility's acceptance or denial of the request. Rather, surveyors will review to ensure the provider has an effective process for staff to request a religious exemption for a sincerely held religious belief.
- Additional precautions

Vaccine Mandate

- NHSN data compares to facility provided data
 - Recent Percentage of Staff who are Fully Vaccinated
- COVID-19 STAFF VACCINATION MATRIX
- If there is a 10% or greater difference, determine which source is incorrect and the explanation for the discrepancy.

COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Status for Providers											
Complete this form or provide a list containing the same information required in this form. Section I: Complete based on the Day 1 of the survey: Total # of staff: <input type="text"/> # partially vaccinated staff (5): <input type="text"/> # completely vaccinated staff (6): <input type="text"/> # pending exemption (8 and 9): <input type="text"/> # granted exemption (8 and 9): <input type="text"/> # temporary delay/new hire (10): <input type="text"/> # not vaccinated without exemption/delay (11): <input type="text"/> Note: The sum of the #'s for columns 5, 6, 8 through 11 should equal the total # of staff.	Direct facility hire (DH), Contracted hire (C), Other (O)	Title	Position	Assigned work area	Vaccinated			Not Vaccinated			
					Partially vaccinated	Completely vaccinated	Booster dose	Pending (P) or Granted (G) medical exemption	Pending (PN) or Granted (GN) non-medical exemption	Temporary delay per CDC/ new hire	Not vaccinated without exemption/delay
Staff Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

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- Selects eight staff to review for COVID-19 vaccinations.
- 2 vaccinated staff (one NA and one contractor).
- 6 unvaccinated staff, if available
 - 3 unvaccinated staff (2 NAs, if available) without exemption or reason for temporary delay; 1 non-medical exemption; 1 medical exemption (Note: If there are 2 or more staff with medical exemptions, select 50% of the staff from this category); 1 whose primary vaccine series has been temporarily delayed.

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- From 30-60 days following issuance of this memorandum, the expected minimum threshold for use in these scope and severity determinations will be 80%. From 60-90 days following issuance of this memorandum, the expected minimum threshold will be 90%. From 90 days on, the expected minimum threshold will be 100%.
- Numbered list of resident cases of confirmed COVID-19 over the last 4 weeks. Indicate whether any resident cases resulted in hospitalization or death.

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- Scope – percentage of unvaccinated staff
 - Isolated < 25%, pattern < 40%, widespread 40% or more
- Severity
 - Level of harm
 - Unvaccinated
 - Resident infections
 - Hospitalized
 - Observation of non-compliance
 - Policy component not developed or implemented

Vaccine Mandate Resources

CMS FAQ

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-omnibus-covid-19-health-care-staff-vaccination-requirements-2021.pdf>

LeadingAge Vaccine Mandates: Information, Tools, & Resources

- <https://leadingage.org/vaccine-mandates-information-tools-resources>

CMS & CDC Update

On 1/20 CDC updated the HCP quarantine and isolation guidance

- Language changed to reflect “Up to Date” or “Not Up to Date”
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/mitigating-staff-shortages.html>
- Up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses is defined in: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2Ffully-vaccinated.html

Work Restrictions for HCP With SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Exposures

"Up to Date" with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses is defined in [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines | CDC](#)

For more details, including recommendations for healthcare personnel who are immunocompromised, have severe to critical illness, or are within 90 days of prior infection, refer to [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#) (conventional standards) and [Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages](#) (contingency and crisis standards).

Work Restrictions for HCP With SARS-CoV-2 Infection

Vaccination Status	Conventional	Contingency	Crisis
Up to Date and Not Up to Date	10 days OR 7 days with negative test [†] , if asymptomatic or mild to moderate illness (with improving symptoms)	5 days with/without negative test, if asymptomatic or mild to moderate illness (with improving symptoms)	No work restriction, with prioritization considerations (e.g., types of patients they care for)

Work Restrictions for Asymptomatic HCP with SARS-CoV-2 Exposures

Vaccination Status	Conventional	Contingency	Crisis
Up to Date	No work restrictions, with negative test on days 1 [‡] and 5–7	No work restriction	No work restriction
Not Up to Date	10 days OR 7 days with negative test [†]	No work restriction with negative tests on days 1 [‡] , 2, 3, & 5–7 (if shortage of tests prioritize Day 1 to 2 and 5-7)	No work restrictions (test if possible)

[†]Negative test result within 48 hours before returning to work

[‡]For calculating day of test: 1) for those with infection consider day of symptom onset (or first positive test if asymptomatic) as day 0; 2) for those with exposure consider day of exposure as day 0



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