

#### [December 30, 2020](#)

- Are you still trying to connect to get the Vaccine in your community? KDADS is trying to identify gaps in the COVID-19 Vaccine distribution process
- Vaccine Available for LTSS Workers
- Notes from a member: Experience with Walgreens Vaccination Clinic. Members helping members.
- Attention Reimbursement Specialists

#### [December 29, 2020](#)

- Attention Home Plus Communities
- A Message from KDHE
- KDHE Webinar on Vaccine Distribution - January 5, 2021
- Medicare FFS Claims: 2% Payment Adjustment (Sequestration) Suspended Through March
- KDADS website now includes a status report on who and who is NOT currently testing in their building. Is your information correct?
- Looking for a Walgreens contact person about your upcoming vaccine clinic?
- COVID-19 Vaccine Safety: A Fireside Chat with AHCA/NCAL, CMS, and CDC

#### [December 28, 2020](#)

- Vaccines are starting in Kansas
- CVS Vaccine Clinic Scheduling Phone Number & Point of Contact Assignments
- Question about testing: Once our community has received the vaccine, can we stop testing staff as frequently?

#### [December 23, 2020](#)

- Update on HHS Phase 3 Provider Relief Fund TIN Validations
- Getting COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies into Your Center
- Message from the AHCA/NCAL President & CEO Mark Parkinson - 2020 Year-End Message from Mark Parkinson

#### [December 22, 2020](#)

- A Message from the President & CEO Mark Parkinson - Congress Passes \$900 Billion Stimulus Package
- Attention Assisted Living and Home Plus Communities
  - All residents in licensed adult care homes should be top priority for vaccination against the COVID-19 virus. Have you been told by the CDC you are not eligible? Did you overlook partnering with Walgreens or CVS for the Vaccine? Are you trying to connect with a pharmacy to get the Vaccine for your staff and residents but not receiving guidance from KDHE or the Country Health Department? KHCA/KCAL is putting together a list of communities that should

be a priority but are not getting access to the vaccine. Please email us at [khca@khca.org](mailto:khca@khca.org) to get your name added to our list. We are working closely with KDADS to find a resolution to this situation. Your action is required today.

- Attention Home Plus Communities
  - KHCA/KCAL has been informed that Kansas Adult Care Homes that are licensed as Home Plus are not eligible for the federal vaccine clinics provided through Walgreens and CVS. In an email communication to one of our members, this was the response from the CDC: Please use link to continue reading.
- An Update from the CVS Covid Vaccination Team

#### [December 21, 2020](#)

- Tomorrow - AHCA/NCAL Webinar and CMS-CDC Call on the Moderna Vaccine
- Walgreens, CVS Health COVID-19 vaccinations starting at thousands of long-term care facilities
- OSHA Releases Resource for Understanding Compliance with OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard

#### [December 18, 2020](#)

- An update from KDADS on the Unified Testing Strategy
- CMS-802 Matrix has been updated to include COVID-19
- CVS and WAG have updated their websites and the consent information

#### [December 17, 2020](#)

- CDC COCA Call This Friday, December 18: What Clinicians Need to Know About the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines
- Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update
- AHCA/NCAL Launches Vaccination Campaign + Communications Toolkit
- Members Only Facility Standards Call - Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00 AM

#### [December 16, 2020](#)

- Long Term Care to Receive \$1.1 Billion in Phase 3 COVID-19 Provider Relief Funding Payments
- Information needed about Temporary Nurse Aide's (TNA's) working in your communities
- SARS-CoV-2 Point of Care Testing with CLIA Certificate of Waiver
- December 2020 Issue of Prevention Highlights
- AHCA/NCAL Launches Vaccination Campaign + Communications Toolkit
- Aetna Better Health of Kansas December E-Newsletter
- NCSBN Offers Recommendations about COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

#### [December 15, 2020](#)

- Providers Urge Congress to Act Now on COVID-19 Stimulus Bill
- AHCA/NCAL Launches Vaccination Campaign + Communications Toolkit

#### [December 14, 2020](#)

- AHCA/NCAL has created Key Talking Points for the COVID-19 Vaccine to help you with communications in your buildings
- AHCA/NCAL has created Sample Resident Consent and Staff Consent forms for the COVID-19 Vaccine for your use
- KDHE announces that a weekly vaccine update will be published on its website every Wednesday
- Manufacturer COVID-19 Vaccine Training & Education Series
- Members Only Facility Standards Call - Friday, December 18, 2020 at 11:00 AM

#### [December 12, 2020](#)

- FDA Approves Emergency Use Authorization for COVID-19 Vaccine

#### [December 11, 2020](#)

- AHCA/NCAL Webinar: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Recording Available
- Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program - Overview and Frequently Asked Questions
- The COVID-19 Vaccine is on the way. Have you had conversations with your staff?
- Amazon Business Opens its PPE Storefront to AHCA/NCAL Members
- Webinar: COVID-19 Vaccines for Your Workplace - What You Should Know and How to Prepare
- New FREE Resource for Our Members
  - AHCA has created a free resource for facilities to share with their residents' families who are struggling to understand the challenges of Coping with COVID. The YouTube video is about 25 minutes long and covers a gamut of information that is directly aimed at the families and how they can support their loved ones, their community, and the facility. The thought process is that facilities can share this YouTube video with families so that they can understand the grief and trauma that is associated with COVID and the challenges of keeping the virus from spreading.

#### [December 10, 2020](#)

- Executive Order 20-69
- December Stakeholder Call Reminder
- KMAP Web Updates

#### [December 10, 2020](#)

- Executive Order 20-69 requiring ALL Adult Care Homes to follow the CMS Guidance for testing residents and Staff

#### [December 9, 2020](#)

- Answers to frequently asked questions (so far) about the COVID-19 Vaccine from AHCA/NCAL's Dr. David Gifford
- AMDA's new COVID vaccine PowerPoint can help answer resident, staff concerns
- Clarification from KHDE's Director of Legislative Affairs, Liz Dunn on Prioritization of Vaccine Recipients
- HHS Awards \$523 Million in Second Round of Value-Based COVID Relief for Nursing Homes
- Introducing Regional Infection Preventionist

#### [December 8, 2020](#)

- AHCA/NCAL Leaders Urge State Governors, Public Health Officials To Make LTC Residents, Staff Priority For COVID-19 Vaccines
- Biden nominates defender of long-term care causes and a virus expert to health team
- Policies for Public Comment

#### [December 7, 2020](#)

- AHCA/NCAL Webinar: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics - Thursday, December 10, 2020

#### [December 4, 2020](#)

- Urgent on SNFs not enrolled in the pharmacy program
- Governor Kelly puts LTC Residents at highest priority for vaccine - Praises for KHCA/KCAL
- Continued COVID-19 Testing Strategies
- Live Q&A: CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management - Thursday, December 10, 2020

#### [December 3, 2020](#)

- REMINDER: Nursing Homes now included in State sponsored PPE Portal with \$350 per bed to spend on available PPE
  - Additional \$50 per bed added to Assisted Living/Home Plus Accounts
- KSNB Bi-Weekly Update

#### [December 2, 2020](#)

- Nursing homes in Midwest Region see worst spike in new COVID cases: Interview with KHCA/KCAL CEO/President Linda MowBray
- Long Term Care Residents Placed at Highest Priority for Vaccine
- Stop Medicare Cuts to Providers!
- Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for 2021 Includes Deep Cuts Impacting AHCA/NCAL Residents
- HPH Sector: Ransomware Activity Targeting the Healthcare and Public Health Sector (Update 3)

#### [December 1, 2020](#)

- FAQs Answered from KDADS
  - visitation guidance
  - COVID-19 testing in nursing homes

#### [November 30, 2020](#)

- Nursing Homes now included in State sponsored PPE Portal with \$350 per bed to spend on available PPE
  - Additional \$50 per bed added to Assisted Living/Home Plus Accounts
- December PASRR Training

#### [November 25, 2020](#)

- President & CEO Mark Parkinson on CNN Discussing Record Nursing Home Cases Due to Community Spread
- KDHE has updated its guidance for mandated reports
- Video: Staying Safe During the Holidays
- A Message from KDHE: Happy USAAW (Use Antibiotics Wisely)!

#### [November 24, 2020](#)

- KDHE has updated its guidance for mandated reports
- What should be done with Contaminated PPE from COVID-19. Is it considered Hazardous waste?
- Deadline for registering for Project ECHO has been extended to November 30th

#### [November 23, 2020](#)

- CDC Updates Testing and Management Considerations and Reinfection Criteria
- CMS Daily Digest Bulletin

#### [November 20, 2020](#)

- Presentation Deck from Yesterday's Adult Care Home Testing Informational Call
- A Message from KDADS: Navigating Holiday Visits During COVID-19

#### [November 19, 2020](#)

- CMS is calling Nursing Homes - you probably want to take their call
- CMS is Urging Nursing Homes to Follow Established COVID Guidelines This Holiday Season
- CMS's Targeted COVID-19 Training for Nursing Homes

#### [November 18, 2020](#)

- IMPORTANT INFORMATION about the Extension of Nurse License Expiration
- October Quality Incentive Program \*Potential\* Excluded Facilities - Updated Spreadsheet

#### [November 17, 2020](#)

- Members Only Facility Standards Call - Friday, November 20, 2020 11:00 AM
- Did your SNF receive a QIP payment for September?
- Can you require your employees to get vaccinated when a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available?
- New Healthcare Cybersecurity Guide Available, NIST SP 1800-30, Securing Telehealth Remote Patient Monitoring Ecosystem

#### [November 16, 2020](#)

- Survey – Financial Situation Due to COVID
- A Message From KDADS CARE Program: November COVID 19 Guidance for PASRR
- HCS AL Study Deadline Extended to 11/30

#### [November 13, 2020](#)

- Important Announcements from CMS
  - CMS or state surveyors will be calling nursing homes who report new cases of COVID and/or report shortages of PPE and/or staffing to offer assistance
  - CMS will be publishing a list of facilities who have completed the CMS 3 to 4 hour QIO
- November OneCare Kansas Newsletter

#### [November 12, 2020](#)

- Regional Lab Vendors Announced for Kansas Unified Testing Strategy
- Updated HHS NHSN Reporting Requirements

- OSHA Issues Respirator Guidance for LTC Facilities
- Healthcare Sector CIO's / IT Directors

#### [November 11, 2020](#)

- Healthcare Staffing Agencies to Support Staffing Needs
- HHS allocates Lilly therapeutic to treat patients with mild to moderate COVID-19
- Congress Must Prioritize Additional Relief Funds For Long Term Care

#### [November 10, 2020](#)

- Recording from Today's Unified Testing Strategy Webinar

#### [November 9, 2020](#)

- Recording of Webinar: Post-Election Analysis Membership Call with Mark Parkinson

#### [November 6, 2020](#)

- Having problems signing up for the Pharmacy Partnership Program?
- Long-Term Care Unified Testing Strategy Webinar November 10
- CMS on holidays: No get-togethers, full guidance may be forthcoming
- Husch Blackwell Advisory -11/6/20: FAQ: Paycheck Protection Program Forgiveness for Borrowers

#### [November 5, 2020](#)

- How to report novel coronavirus (COVID-19 disease, SARS-CoV-2 virus) testing, infections, and deaths in Kansas
- OSHA Issues Guidance: All workers inside long-term care facilities should be wearing face coverings at all times
- Final Reminder for Pharmacy Partnership Sign Up
- KSBN Bi-Weekly Update
- IFC-4 and COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkits Listening Session Invitation
- Long-Term Care Unified Testing Strategy Webinar November 10
- KS State Plan on Aging Survey 2020

#### [November 4, 2020](#)

- Nursing Homes & LTC Facilities COVID-19 Testing Survey
- Time is Running out to participate in UMKC's project ECHO
- Virtual Dementia Capable Care Workshop

#### [November 3, 2020](#)

- DEADLINE COVID-19 VACCINE 11/06/2020 LTCF - HCC Pharmacy Partnership

- As a Reminder: Providers looking to create special care units, wings or off-site facilities

#### [November 2, 2020](#)

- Post-Election Analysis Member Call with Mark Parkinson This Friday
- AHCA/NCAL Boards Elected For 2020-2021 Term
- Update Information: Healthcare Sector Cyber Threats
- 10/30 KMAP Web Updates

#### [October 30, 2020](#)

- HHS Updates Provider Relief Fund FAQs
- HCBS Provider Retainer Payment
- Connecting with Nurses
- Support group for those with a loved one in a care facility
- INTENT TO APPLY DEADLINE: NOV. 12
- Cyber Notification: Ransomware Activity Targeting the HPH Sector

#### [October 29, 2020](#)

- SNFs Must Upgrade to NHSN SAMS Level-3 Access to Meet CLIA Reporting Requirements
- Recording of Tuesday's webinar on KDADS' Visitation Guidance is now available
- Webinar with KDADS and KDHE on Testing Requirements in Kansas
- November 2, 2020 Training On The NHSN Point of Care Test Reporting Tool
- ACTION REQUIRED: Nursing Home Administrators, REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the KS NH ECHO

#### [October 28, 2020](#)

- HHS awards nursing homes \$333M in COVID-19 performance rewards
- Governor Kelly Directs Flags be Flown at Half-staff to Honor 1,007 Kansans Who Lost their Lives to COVID-19
- Recording of Webinar: Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program for COVID-19 Vaccination Office Hours is ready
- Additional Information: HHS Healthcare Sector Notification: Increased and Imminent Cybercrime Threat Coordination Call

#### [October 27, 2020](#)

- Deadline to Sign Up for Vaccine Distribution Program Extended to November 6, 2020
- Linda MowBray, CEO/President talks with KMBC news about COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan
- Kansas Disease Reporting Portal Bulk Upload COVID-19 Reporting



#### [October 26, 2020](#)

- HHS Changes Reporting Requirements For COVID-19 Provider Relief
- LTC Providers Have Until October 30 To Identify How They Want To Receive, Administer COVID-19 Vaccine
- The KUMC Project ECHO team is proud to launch the AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network Project in Kansas this November
- Change of plans: CDC significantly expands definition of “close contact”
- Webinar – November 5: Health Law & Innovation Virtual Series - Stimulus Relief Funds: Strings Attached

#### [October 26, 2020](#)

- Corrected KDADS Visitation Guidance

#### [October 23, 2020](#)

- How to Access the Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program form in the NHSN
- Pharmacy Partnership for LTC Program for COVID-19
- Updated Reporting Requirements to the Provider Relief Fund
- Updates from BKD
  - Medicare Secondary Payer Update
  - Have you downloaded the latest SNF payment rates?
  - COVID-19 Resource Center

#### [October 22, 2020](#)

- Weighing Pharmacy Options for the CDC Vaccine Distribution Program
- From the desk of: Lindsay B. Schwartz, Ph.D. , Associate Vice President-Workforce and Quality Improvement at AHCA/NCAL
- Aetna Better Health of Kansas / Provider Town Hall Meeting

#### [October 21, 2020](#)

- Final Virtual Solution Room - A reminder to Convention Attendees
- Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update
- AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network Pre-Launch Webinars
- CMS Webinar: Medicare Part A Cost Report: New Bulk e-Filing Feature Webcast — October 29
- Health Law & Innovation Virtual Series - Strategic Acquisitions and Investment Opportunities During a Pandemic

#### [October 20, 2020](#)

- Sign Up Now for the CDC Vaccine LTC Distribution Program
- Webinar: Review and Q&A on KDADS Visitation Policy - Tuesday, October 27th from 11:00am - 12:00pm CST
- Webinar: Testing for COVID-19 in Kansas Nursing Homes - Thursday, October 29th from 11:00am - 12:00pm CST
- Kathy Greenlee named to NASEM Consensus Study Group

#### [October 19, 2020](#)

- Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program
- Attention Assisted living , Home Plus and Residential Care Facilities; If your community has a CLIA waiver and has not received a POC testing kit or device, please send [KCAL](#) the name(s) of the community and the physical street address.
- A Message from the Office of the State Fire Marshal - Obstruction Reminder
- AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network
- Waiver Amendment Virtual Public Comment Invitation

#### [October 16, 2020](#)

- White House Announces Vaccination Distribution Program for LTC Residents
- Time is running out to register for the KHCA/KCAL Virtual Convention & Trade Show
- HCBS Waiver Amendments - Request for Comments
- Helping Residents Vote in 2020
- PASRR Suspension

#### [October 15, 2020](#)

- Attention Assisted Living and Home Plus: Virtual Convention Solution Room Tomorrow, October 16th
- KMAP Web Updates
- Webinar: 5-Star Health Inspections: Top Citations & How to Avoid Them (Pt 1)

#### [October 14, 2020](#)

- OSHA - Making sure your staff members are protected
- About PEPPER
- Staffing Challenges & Solutions: Insights from the Frontline - October 20 - Join CMS

#### [October 13, 2020](#)

- Attention State Licensed Only Homes! - The latest FAQ from KDADS for information on accessing and ordering PPE with your allocated SPARK funding dollars.

#### [October 12, 2020](#)

- COVID-19 Testing of Visitors in your Communities - please complete survey
- New OSHA Guidance for COVID-19 and Resources
- Long Term Care Voting Tips
- October NAC & Facility Standards Call
- Convention Solution Room - Friday, October 16, 2020

#### [October 9, 2020](#)

- KHCA Elects 2021-2022 Board
- COVID-19: HCBS Revised Guidance
- CMS Releases Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Guidance
- Register for the Kansas CMS Flu Vaccination Campaign Webinar

#### [October 8, 2020](#)

- AHCA's Parkinson: Feds confirm 1M rapid COVID tests weekly through 2020, most worried about low census levels
- AHCA, NCAL Elect Boards for 2020-2021 Term; Meade and Crunk Remain Chairs

#### [October 7, 2020](#)

- KDHE has updated its website to include a metrics specifically for long term care
- Funding Opportunity for In-person Visitation Aids
- HHS Updates Provider Relief Fund FAQs
- Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update

#### [October 6, 2020](#)

- A Message from the Office of the State Fire Marshal - heaters on the patios of SNF
- Abbott BinaxNOW Training Registration
- This year, it's more important than ever to get the flu shot

#### [October 5, 2020](#)

- Virtual Convention and Trade Show - Friday, October 9th at 10:00 am
- Communities are opening up. How is your PPE supply?
- October Update from the Behavioral Health Tobacco Project

#### [October 2, 2020](#)

- A Message From the Office of the State Fire Marshal: Plastic Sheets as Barriers for COVID Corridors
- President Trump Signs into Law Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act

- Aetna Better Health of Kansas October E-Newsletter
- COVID-19 Hospice How-To Series: The Government Yet Again Updates Rules for FFCRA Paid Leave and Provider Relief Fund Reporting
- Quality Award Program Update

#### [October 1, 2020](#)

- HHS Releases \$20B More CARES Act Cash, Warns Not to Wait to Apply
- A Message From The Office of the State Fire Marshal - New CMS Waiver

#### [September 30, 2020](#)

- FRIDAY, OCT. 2: AHCA/NCAL Office Hours on Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements
- Visitation Guidance and Communal Dining Resource
- Project ECHO

#### [September 29, 2020](#)

- Reminder: Complete Your Attestation by September 30th!!
- Webinar October 1: ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network
- HHS Region 7 Update- September 29, 2020 - Trump Administration Deploys Abbott BinaxNOW Tests to States
- A message from KDHE: #KansasFightsFlu: A Campaign to Promote Facts and Vaccs

#### [September 28, 2020](#)

- Attention Virtual Convention Attendees
- Considerations When Testing Residents and Employees and Screening Employees for COVID-19
- KDHE Reporting Portal is Open

#### [September 25, 2020](#)

- County Positivity Data for Compliance of F886
- Additional Information is Required for all Facilities that accepted Round 2 CARES Funding

#### [September 24, 2020](#)

- KDHE Reporting Portal is Open
- HHS Releases PRF Reporting Guidance
- Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update
  - Contains important updates regarding nurse license expiration dates

#### [September 23, 2020](#)

- HHS Releases PRF Reporting Guidance
- HHS Releases New Details on Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements
- Are you on the list to receive the Abbott BinexNow testing kit?
- Submit Your 2021 AHCA/NCAL Quality Award Intent to Apply. Portal Now Open!

#### [September 22, 2020](#)

- Are you on the list to receive the Abbott BinexNow testing kit?
- HHS Releases New Details on Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements
- Question for the Office of the State Fire Marshal

#### [September 21, 2020](#)

- Now Available: Payment Resource for COVID-19 Testing
- Take Advantage of Increased FedEx Discounts for KHCA/KCAL Members
- CMS Memo on Nursing Home Visitors
- Adult Care Homes Reopening Guidance FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### [September 19, 2020](#)

- COVID-19 Nursing Home Data
- Take Advantage of Increased FedEx Discounts for KHCA/KCAL Members

#### [September 18, 2020](#)

- How to Become a CLIA-Certified Assisted Living Facility & Receive Abbott Test Kits
- CMS Updates County Positivity Rate with data ended 9/9/20
- Additional Details on Nursing Home Incentive Payment Program Released
- Adult Care Homes Reopening Guidance FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- KDADS Long-Term Care PPE and Testing Requirements

#### [September 18, 2020](#)

- CMS Memo on Nursing Home Visitors

#### [September 17, 2020](#)

- Great News on Testing for AL and SNFs -Abbot Webinar with Details Announced
- Abbot Test Kits - Invoices sent in Error
- New KDADS Enforcement Staff; A Message from Lacey Hunter
- COVID-19: HCBS Revised Guidance
- Free Basic Care Aide Training

#### September 16, 2020

- Nurse Advisory Committee Members Only call Friday at 10:30 am
- Facility Standards Members Only call Friday at 11:00 am
- Free Basic Care Aide Training
- Assisted Living Funding Allocation Deadline Extended to Sept. 21

#### September 15, 2020

- AHCA/NCAL Investigates Reported False Positives in COVID-19 Testing: Survey and Resources
- Assisted Living Funding Allocation Deadline Extended to Sept. 21
- An update from KDADS on HB 2016
- KMAP Web Updates
- KFMC Contracted to Provide Increased support to Kansas Nursing Homes in COVID Hot Spot Areas
- MFAR Withdrawn!

#### September 14, 2020

- CMS Formally Scraps MFAR, Averting Potential \$50B in Medicaid Cuts
- AHCA/NCAL Investigates Reported False Positives in COVID-19 Testing: Survey and Resources
- 20-38-NH Follow Up Questions - From The Desk of Lacey Hunter, KDADS' Commissioner

#### September 11, 2020

- STATE OF EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION AMENDED & APPROVED
- Improve Teamwork and Communication with Practical, Adaptable Tools from TeamSTEPPS®

#### September 10, 2020

- A Message From Medline Regarding BD Veritor Availability
- Reminder: Phase 2 Provider Relief Fund Application Deadline is This Sunday
- CMS Issues COVID-19 Public Reporting Tip Sheet

#### September 9, 2020

- COVID-19 Outbreak Locations
- Hero Relief Program
- CARES Act and Return to Work information

#### September 8, 2020

- CMS Posts New County COVID-19 Positive Test Rates
- AHCA/NCAL Webinar Recording Now Available!
  - CMS' COVID-19 Performance Payment Program
- Look up, verify and monitor your nurse licenses anytime, anywhere...for FREE
- BD Veritor System + QUIDEL POC Testing Machine

#### September 4, 2020

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Payment Process for HCBS Providers is now live. Return Attestation form by October 15th
- Webinar on CMS COVID-19 Performance Payment Program - Tuesday, Sept. 8

#### September 3, 2020

- Trump Administration Announces \$2 Billion Provider Relief Fund Nursing Home Incentive Payment Plans
- New Numbers for Test Positivity Rates
- CARES ACT Relief Fund Amounts Released - Complete Your Attestation by September 30th!!

#### September 2, 2020

- CARES ACT Relief Fund Amounts Released
- Federal Funding and Testing Coming to Assisted Living
  - HHS Approves Funding Allocation for Private Pay Assisted Living
  - Rapid, Antigen Tests to be Delivered to Assisted Living Communities
- State agencies collaborate to create COVID-19 essential worker health care fund

#### September 1, 2020

- CMS' New COVID-19 Testing Requirements Effective Tomorrow
- COVID19 Results Reporting
- Wondering when you'll receive your Point-Of-Care Antigen Test Device?
- New PPP Guidance on Owner-Employees and Rent/Mortgage Interest Forgiveness
- HHS Releases SNF Infection Control Distribution Terms and Conditions
- CMS Issues Updated FAQs for Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers

#### August 31, 2020

- KHCA/KCAL Members Only Call: Testing Update and Discussion Friday, September 4th at 1:00 PM CST
- Hospital/Post-Acute Care Survey & Webinar – If you haven't completed the survey already, please do so
- COVID-19: CMS Training to Strengthen Nursing Home Infection Control Practices

#### [August 28, 2020](#)

- HCBS Provider COVID-19 Support
- Recording of Member Webinar with Mark Parkinson & Dr. David Gifford Available Now
  - New CMS Testing Requirements for Staff & Residents: What You Need to Know
- CMS issues QSO-20-38 with guidance on an interim final rule
- State Agencies Collaborate to Create COVID-19 Essential Worker Health Care Fund
- HHS To Start Shipping 1.5M N95 Respirators To Some Nursing Homes Friday
- COVID-19: CMS Training to Strengthen Nursing Home Infection Control Practices

#### [August 27, 2020](#)

- HHS CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Nursing Home Distribution
- CMS Issues Additional Guidance on Staff Testing and Reporting Requirements
- CMS Launches National Training Program

#### [August 26, 2020](#)

- Kelly Names Appointees
- Update on MDS Requirements: From the desk of Georgianna Correll
- CMS Issues New Reporting and Testing Requirements for Nursing Homes

#### [August 25, 2020](#)

- CMS to Make Announcement Today at 3:30 PM Central on Stakeholder Call
- BREAKING: CMS announces details of ‘unprecedented’ national nursing home training program for COVID-19
- CMS Issues Informational Bulletin on Medicaid Reimbursement Strategies to Prevent Spread of COVID-19 in Nursing Facilities
- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls
- A Message from Office of the State Fire Marshal regarding drills
- 2020 Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management Act 8-24
- Web IZ Q&A

#### [August 24, 2020](#)

- Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update
- National Webinars on Nursing Home Best Practices Kick Off This Week
- FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- New 20/21 SNF Rates Available – Download Now

#### [August 21, 2020](#)

- New 20/21 SNF Rates Available – Download Now
- Flu Vaccine Supply and Distribution 2020-21 Season



- COVID-19 September Guidance from KDADS CARE Program

#### [August 20, 2020](#)

- CDC Interim Guidance on Rapid Antigen Tests
- New NCAL Poll Finds 50% Of Assisted Living Providers Are Operating At A Loss

#### [August 19, 2020](#)

- A Message from KDADS' Commissioner, Lacey Hunter - 2020 Census

#### [August 18, 2020](#)

- CMS to Return to Normal Survey Process
- PPE Fraud Scheme also Stealing PII
- HHS Reporting Requirement Delay Continues

#### [August 17, 2020](#)

- DOL Promotes Shared-Work Program with \$1.8M in Missouri

#### [August 14, 2020](#)

- Recording of Webinar: All Member Call with Mark Parkinson: HHS Provider Relief Funds is ready

#### [August 13, 2020](#)

- Kansas Nurse Aid Registry URL Update

#### [August 12, 2020](#)

- HHS News
  - HHS Updates FAQs with Medicaid, Cost Report and CHOW Information
  - HHS Opens CHOW Portal
  - HHS Announces the Distribution of the Additional \$5 Billion
  - All Member Call with Mark Parkinson: HHS Provider Relief Funds

#### [August 11, 2020](#)

- Attention Assisted Living and Home Plus Communities
- HHS Opens CHOW Portal
- HHS Announces the Distribution of the Additional \$5 Billion

#### [August 10, 2020](#)

- HHS Announces the Distribution of the Additional \$5 Billion
- A Message from the President & CEO Mark Parkinson on Sunday, August 9th - Shout-out from POTUS
- Attention Assisted Living and Home Plus Communities

#### [August 7, 2020](#)

- Tell Us About Your Financial Situation - Survey
- A Message From Husch Blackwell Advisories

#### [August 6, 2020](#)

- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – August 3rd to August 14th

#### [August 5, 2020](#)

- Kansas Primary Election Report
- PPE In Short Supply For Nursing Homes In Many States, Report Indicates

#### [August 4, 2020](#)

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Daily Digest Bulletin
- Census 2020

#### [August 3, 2020](#)

- CMS Final Rule for Nursing Homes is out
- A Message from the Office of the State Fire Marshal - Recall on Edwards 280 Series Mechanical Heat Detector
- Aetna Better Health of Kansas August E-Newsletter

#### [July 31, 2020](#)

- Urgent Action Needed - Submit Information on Your Assisted Living Community to HHS
- 38 Million in COVID-19 Relief Funds

#### [July 30, 2020](#)

- Urgent Action Needed - Submit Information on Your Assisted Living Community to HHS
- 38 Million in COVID-19 Relief Funds
- A Message From Office of the State Fire Marshal
- NHSN Data Reporting Report

#### [July 29, 2020](#)

- The Kansas Legislative Finance Council just approved 38 million dollars COVID-19 relief for nursing homes

#### [July 29, 2020](#)

- Newest in for testing allocation kit includes Kansas homes
- LTC Facilities Should Strictly Adhere To CDC's COVID-19 Guidelines As Much As Feasible, Attorney Says
- Kelly Makes Appointments

#### [July 28, 2020](#)

- Attention Assisted Living Residential Care and Home Plus who provide HCBS services...this portal is for you!!!
- FBI Flash: Indicators Associated with Netwalker Ransomware
- AHCA Praises Proposed HEALS Act Legislation
- Are you looking for Education on Infection Control during the COVID-19 Pandemic? AHCA/NCAL has options for you

#### [July 24, 2020](#)

- CMS Releases List of Nursing Homes Prioritized for POC Testing Instrument - No Kansas Communities are on the list
- Behavioral Health Tobacco Project

#### [July 23, 2020](#)

- Administration announces additional \$5 billion in COVID relief
- Our Annual Convention & Trade Show is going Virtual

#### [July 22, 2020](#)

- A message from the Office of the State Fire Marshal: This message applies to Residential Board and Care AND Assisted Living Communities. This does not apply to CMS Certified Facilities (SNF's)
- CARE COVID 19 Guidance 07/22/2020
- Deadline Extended: Medicaid Application for Provider Relief Fund

#### [July 21, 2020](#)

- AHCA/NCAL Seeks \$100 Billion More for HHS Provider COVID-19 Relief Fund
- CDC Updates Transmission Based Precautions, Duration of Isolation, and Return to Work Criteria
- Kansas State COVID-19 Testing Plan

#### July 20, 2020

- Kansas State COVID-19 Testing Plan
- Revised: Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Information from KDHE about CLIA Waivers
  - KS Homes with Active CLIA Waivers

#### July 17, 2020

- KMAP Web Updates for HCBS Providers
- More twists and turns for long term care providers seeking PPE
- Time is running out! Do you need masks?!
- Update from KDADS
- Deadline Extended: Medicaid Application for Provider Relief Fund
- Statewide COVID-19 Testing Strategy and KDADS' Adult Care Home Testing Plan Requirements – What You need to Know
- AMDA Formally Backs Adoption of National POLST Form
- KS Homes with Active CLIA Waivers
- HCBS Settings Final Rule Deadline Extension

#### July 16, 2020

- Summary of CMS Call on Point-of-Care COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Homes
- HCBS Settings Final Rule Deadline Extension
- Reminder: FGI Standards Survey - Due tomorrow, July 17th
- Do you need masks?!

#### July 15, 2020

- Reminder: Application Deadline for Medicaid COVID Provider Relief Fund – July 20th
- Feds to Deliver Point-of-Care COVID-19 Testing Devices to 2,000 SNFs
- HCBS Update
- Do you need masks?!

#### July 14, 2020

- HCBS Update
- National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training: Establishing an Infection Prevention Program in a Nursing Home, With an Emphasis on COVID-19 - July 16
- Joint Provider Fire Marshal Workshop
- Do you need masks?!

#### [July 13, 2020](#)

- Do you need masks?!
- Question about KSBN-related Executive Orders

#### [July 10, 2020](#)

- Statewide COVID-19 Testing Strategy and KDADS' Adult Care Home Testing Plan Requirements – What You need to Know
- Infection Control in Assisted Living and Home Plus - Preparing for an IC Survey
- Do you need masks?!

#### [July 9, 2020](#)

- Do you need masks?!
- NCSBN Nursys e-Notify Database Enrolls more than 500,000 Individual Nurses
- KCAL's Operators Course to go Virtual in August

#### [July 8, 2020](#)

- Do you need masks?!
- Bronze and Silver notifications will take place on August 5
- Cerner Update Including: 8 COVID-19 tips and tricks for assisted living and skilled nursing

#### [July 7, 2020](#)

- Governor's Executive Order No. 20-49
- Updates to CDC Website
- Healthcare Release from the Office of the State Fire Marshal

#### [July 6, 2020](#)

- KCAL's Operators Course to go Virtual in August

#### [July 2, 2020](#)

- Governor's Executive Order No. 20-52: Requiring masks or other face coverings in public

#### [July 1, 2020](#)

- KDADS Contracts with Healthcare Management Solutions to Expedite Meeting Federal and State Survey and Inspection Requirements

#### [June 30, 2020](#)

- National Learning and Action Network event on July 02: Transparency: Resident and Family Notification
- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/29/2020
- CARES Act
  - [FAQ: CARES Act SBA Loan Programs](#)
  - [FAQ: Paycheck Protection Program Forgiveness for Borrowers](#)
  - [SBA Amends PPP Forgiveness Rules to Conform with PPP Flexibility Act](#)

#### [June 29, 2020](#)

- COVID-19 Infection Prevention Training for Frontline Staff in LTC
- PEAK 2.0 Open Enrollment Extended to July 10

#### [June 26, 2020](#)

- KDADS' Reopening FAQs
- Claims Processing Guidance for 3-Day Stay and Spell-of-Illness Waivers
- CMS Announces Plans to End the Blanket Waiver Requiring Nursing Homes to Submit Staffing Data
- Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Flu Vaccines During the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### [June 25, 2020](#)

- CMS issues ‘long overdue’ visitation guidelines for nursing homes
- Survey for Providers – Testing in Long Term Care
- Facilities Guidelines Institute looking at how to address emergency preparedness for residential care facilities

#### [June 24, 2020](#)

- Lessons from Nursing Homes in COVID Hotspots: Secure a Lab Now — and Proceed Carefully on Visitation
- Not Sure Where to Start with the HHS Medicaid Portal? Start Here!
- CMS Nursing Home Webinar: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Strategies for COVID Care, Thursday June 25
- Trump Administration Issues Call to Action Based on New Data Detailing COVID-19 Impacts on Medicare Beneficiaries

#### [June 23, 2020](#)

- Recall Alert: Smoke Detector
- HHS Updates Provider Relief Fund FAQs

#### [June 22, 2020](#)

- Where are Long-Term Care Providers at When it Comes to PPE?
- New COVID 19 Guidance for the CARE Program
- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/22/20

#### [June 19, 2020](#)

- Kansas Healthcare Facility PPE Request Process
- New federal nursing home commission members named
- COVID-19 Relief Funding: What You Need to Know
- Reopening Requirements and Recommendations in Long Term Care

#### [June 18, 2020](#)

- Reopening Requirements and Recommendations in Long Term Care
- HHS Offers Medicaid Allocation Application Tutorials
- NHSN Reporting Citations and CMPs Rescinded
- AHCA/NCAL Webinar on Economic Impact Payments for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries with Representative Payees
- Outlook for Three-Day Hospital Waiver

#### [June 18, 2020](#)

- KDADS has posted Assisted Living Reopening Requirements and Recommendations

#### [June 17, 2020](#)

- Webinar Recordings with KDADS pertaining to Reopening Requirements and Recommendations for Nursing Facilities
- Husch Blackwell Thought Leader Advisories
- NHSN Reporting and Citations Update

#### [June 16, 2020](#)

- Listen to yesterday's live webinar with KDADS pertaining to Nursing Facilities Reopening Requirements and Recommendations
- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/15/20
- Join CMS for the Managing COVID Positive Residents Training Call - Thursday, June 18th from 3:00-4:00 CST

#### [June 15, 2020](#)

- Join CMS for the Managing COVID Positive Residents Training Call - Thursday, June 18th from 3:00-4:00 CST
- KDHE E&D and LTC Application Flow

- Applying COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Strategies in Nursing Homes

#### [June 12, 2020](#)

- KDADS has posted Nursing Facilities Reopening Requirements and Recommendations
- AHCA Update from 6/11/20: CMS Issuing F884 Citation and CMPs for Failure to Report NHSN COVID-19 Data
- AHCA Update from 6/12/20: Update on NHSN Reporting and Related Citations & Fines
- Provider Relief Fund
- Other COVID-19 Updates
  - New FAQs for ICFs/IID
  - Coalition Submits Request to Extend Therapy Telehealth Waivers

#### [June 11, 2020](#)

- CMS issuing 2567s with citations for F884
- Relief Fund Portal for Medicaid Providers Launches
- Provider Relief Fund FAQs

#### [June 10, 2020](#)

- Check Your Facility's Casper Shared Folder
- AL PPE Survey - Due June 17
- A Message From KDADS CARE Team
- Have you missed recent education opportunities?

#### [June 9, 2020](#)

- INFECTION CONTROL SURVEYS FOR ALL Adult Care Homes. Yes, Assisted Living and Home Plus... You are Included
- HHS to Release \$15 Billion in COVID-19 Relief Funds to Medicaid Providers – including HCBS providers!
- A Message from the President & CEO Mark Parkinson : "WE WON'T BACK DOWN"
- Discontinue the use of N95 Vented Masks Immediately

#### [June 8, 2020](#)

- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls
- SPARK Taskforce

#### [June 5, 2020](#)

- Frequently asked questions with answers from the CDC
- Correcting NHSN Data Errors
- Other COVID-19 Updates
  - NHSN Efforts and Supportive Documentation



- HHS Releases Additional Provider Relief Fund FAQs
- CMS Creates Flexibilities for Certain CMMI Models to Mitigate COVID-19 Impact

#### [June 4, 2020](#)

- Nursing Home COVID-19 Data and Inspections Results Available on Nursing Home Compare

#### [June 3, 2020](#)

- Recommendations for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning in Healthcare facilities
- Revised Notification Guidelines
- Updates to Provider Relief Fund FAQs Address TIN and Gross Receipts
- A Message From KHCA/KCAL Legal Counsel: NEW FAQs - General Relief Fund

#### [June 2, 2020](#)

- Announcement on National Assisted Living Week
- A Message from CMS: COVID-19 Survey Activities, CARES Act Funding, Enhanced Enforcement for Infection Control deficiencies, and Quality Improvement Activities in Nursing Homes
- CMS News - Trump Administration Unveils Enhanced Enforcement Actions Based on Nursing Home COVID-19 Data and Inspection Results
- AHCA COVID Update
  - CMS Announcement on NHSN Data and Guidance on COVID-19-Related Survey Activity
  - Supporting Your Loved One in a Long Term Care Facility
  - SNF Therapy Telehealth Waivers and other Updated COVID-19 Billing FAQ Updates
  - CMS Updates Guidance on Proper Use of COVID-19 Waivers Claim Codes
  - Hilton's Frontline Medical Professionals Room Program
- Tomorrow's Provider Relief Fund Attestation Deadline

#### [June 1, 2020](#)

- A Message from KDHE - Infection Control Assessment and Response Consultations

#### [May 29, 2020](#)

- Answer our Call to Action
- KDADS and KDHE have issued proposed rates for Kansas Nursing Homes

#### [May 29, 2020](#)

- Action Alert

#### [May 28, 2020](#)

- Revised 1135 Waiver Template for Nursing Homes
- Innovative Methods to Keeping Residents Connected
- CDC Website Updates
- Fearless in the Face of Crisis: A Virtual Leadership Retreat

#### [May 27, 2020](#)

- PPE Needs Survey
- PPE Supplier List
- Senate Hearing on Caring for Seniors Amid the COVID-19 Crisis
- Revised OSHA Policies
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Daily Digest Bulletin
- HHS Releases \$4.9 Billion to Skilled Nursing Centers

#### [May 26, 2020](#)

- BREAKING: Governor Kelly Veto's Senate Sub for HB 2054
- PPE Needs Survey
- KDHE Unit 1 KANCARE Updates 5/26/20
- CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 5/25/20
- CARES Attestation Window Extended, Updated Guidance & Financial Resources
- NHSN Update and FAQs
- Senate Hearing on Caring for Seniors Amid the Covid-19 Crisis

#### [May 22, 2020](#)

- YOUR VOICES WERE HEARD!
- PPE Needs Survey
- HHS Releases \$4.9 Billion to Skilled Nursing Centers
- KSBN Weekly Update

#### [May 21, 2020](#)

- PPE from FEMA has shipped
- CMS News Alert
- CARES Act Provider Relief Fund CHOW FAQs
- Revised OSHA Policies
- COVID-19 FAQs Updated: ACO Section

#### [May 20, 2020](#)

- Call to Action!
- Reimbursement and Legal Issues Related to COVID-19 Testing in Long Term Care
  - Reimbursement Issues
    - Medicare Coverage of Testing
    - CARES Act Coverage
    - CARES Act Grant Funds
  - Legal Issues
    - Resident Refusals
    - Employee Refusals

#### [May 19, 2020](#)

- Kansas to Enter New Phase of Reopening
- CMS Issues Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations for State and Local Officials - KDADS is currently working on how a rollout plan will work for Kansas
- Infection Prevention Control Officer (IPCO) Version 2 Training Now Available with BONUS COVID-19 Content
- OSHA Alert on Nursing Home and Long Term Care Workers' Safety
- Updated CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs
- Economic Impact Payments for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries with Representative Payees
- H.R. 6800, The HEROES Act Passes the House

#### [May 18, 2020](#)

- KDHE Document Upload Portal User's Manual
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Daily Digest Bulletin
- Application for PPP Loan Forgiveness Released by SBA and Treasury
- NAMI Connection Support Group for Essential Workers

#### [May 15, 2020](#)

- Reporting Accurately to NHSN COVID-19
- QIN-QIOs Targeting Assistance to Nursing Homes with Infection Control Deficiencies
- CMS Releases Additional Blanket Waivers
- Guidance on Documentation for Use of COVID-19 SNF Reimbursement Waivers

#### [May 14, 2020](#)

- CMS Issues Nursing Homes Best Practices Toolkit to Combat COVID-19
- A Message from KHCA/KCAL's Legal Counsel - Deadline To Repay PPP Loans Extended
- Guidance on how an Administrator updates their information in KOTA

#### [May 13, 2020](#)

- Kansas N95 Respirator Decontamination Program - Instructional Video - How to sign up to use the Battelle System
- A Message from CMS - Dear Nursing Home Facility Management and Staff
- PASRR Information - A Message From KDADS CARE Program Manager
- Additional Message From KDADS CARE Program Manager

#### [May 12, 2020](#)

- 1135 Blanket Waiver- Life Safety Code Requirements
  - A message from KHCA Life Safety Consultant Stan Spzytek: Additional Clarification on 1135 Blanket Waiver- Life Safety Code Requirements
- Many Part B Therapy Code Edits Removed
- Sunflower Personal Protective Equipment for HCBS and NF members and member facing staff
- White House Tells States to Test All Nursing Home Residents & Staff

#### [May 11, 2020](#)

- Save your N95 Masks for Decontamination
- Ordering Personal Protective Equipment for HCBS and Adult Care Homes
- NHSN COVID-19 Reporting: Accurately Reporting Staffing & PPE Shortages
  - Staffing
  - PPE
- CMS to Fix PDPM Variable Per Diem Glitch
- Updated & Expanded Version of AHCA's Infection Preventionist Training (IPCO)

#### [May 8, 2020](#)

- KDADS COVID-19 Guidance targeting AL and Home Plus HCBS Providers
- NHSN Enrollment Delays & Tips
- PPE Supplier List

#### [May 7, 2020](#)

- Facilities must submit their first set of data by 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 17, 2020 to the NHSN Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module
- New COVID-19 F-tags & Updated Survey Tools
- Battelle Transportation Plan

#### May 7, 2020

- Civil Money Penalty Grant Funding for Long-Term Care - Technology Initiative in Response to COVID-19 <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/funding-opportunities>

#### May 6, 2020

- BREAKING: KS Legislative Leadership Announces 2020 Session Plans
- Nursing Home Admissions Resource During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Kansas COVID-19 N95 Decontamination Transportation Plan
- HCS Nursing Home Salary Study - Deadline Extended to June 1
- New FAQs From KHCA/KCAL's Legal Counsel
- Healthcare Updates from Congressman Roger Marshall

#### May 5, 2020

- New KDHE Online Reporting Portal for COVID-19
- Kansas-based PPE and other COVID related supply vendors
- CMS Kansas City COVID-19 NEW Regulatory Waivers and Rule Changes
- Updated CDC Guidance on Return to Work and Clinical Care
- Update on FEMA PPE Supply to Nursing Homes
- CMS Claim Guidance Related to New COVID-19 ICD-10 Code
- Still Waiting for NHSN to Complete Your Registration? Start Data Collection Now
- VA Suspends Transitions to New Systems Due to COVID-19
- PPE Scams Are Abundant, Particularly for N-95

#### May 4, 2020

- CMS Issues Additional Blanket Regulatory Waivers
- CMS Delays Implementation of New MDS Items for 2 Years
- New SNF Reporting Requirements Effective May 1
- FEMA Advisory: COVID-19 - PPE Packages for Nursing Homes

#### May 1, 2020

- Governor Kelly Executive Orders & Plan
- CMS Issues Interim Final Rule with New Requirements for COVID-19 Reporting for Nursing Homes

#### April 30, 2020

- Temporary Nurse Aide Job Description
- Reporting Guidance for Nursing and Long-Term Care Facilities Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness
- Getting Started with NHSN Reporting on COVID-19
- Tips to have good outcomes with MDS coding during the COVID-19 Pandemic

#### [April 29, 2020](#)

- Continuing Restrictions on Visitors in LTC
- CDC Updates COVID-19 Symptoms
- CDC Webinar Trainings for LTCF COVID-19 Module: New Mandatory Reporting
- CDC Increases Priority for COVID-19 Testing in Long Term Care Residents
- How Can the Ombudsman Program Help?
- CDC Launches LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinar

#### [April 28, 2020](#)

- Preparing for Future Surveys: Document Your Calls For Help
- FEMA Shipping SNFs a Supply of PPE in Early May and Again in June
- Guidance from the KHCA/KCAL Legal Counsel Husch Blackwell
  - PPP Loan Forgiveness Update
  - Return to Work
  - CARES Act
  - COVID-19

#### [April 27, 2020](#)

- Five Star Updates, Nursing Home Staff Counts, and FAQs
  - Inspection Domain of Five Star Quality Rating System Will NOT be Updated Due to Prioritization of Surveys
  - Release of Certain Staffing Information
  - CMS FAQs
  - Questions
- KHCA Announces Life Safety "Life-Line" During COVID-19 Management
- "Don't Forget About Us"

#### [April 27, 2020](#)

- Just a glimpse of the heroic work our LTC Members provide. We thank you!

#### [April 24, 2020](#)

- Additional \$20 Billion to be Distributed to Medicare Providers Today
- KDHE Eligibility & NF Association Monthly Meeting

#### [April 23, 2020](#)

- Governor Kelly's Executive Order No. 20-26
- Updated Guidance on Executive Order No. 20-23
- Additional Distribution of Provider Relief Funds
- CDC Return to Work Guidance: Contingency & Crisis Strategies
- Preparing for Widespread Testing

- Documentation
- Updated FAQs on Provider Relief Fund

#### [April 22, 2020](#)

- CARE requirement suspension is extended for new admissions
- Providers looking to create special care units, wings or off site facilities
- New Child Care Subsidy Program for front line staff - Hero Relief Program
- Update on Pending Requirement for National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Reporting
- ASPR Webinar - Protecting Our Frontline Health Facilities from Evolving Security Threats during COVID-19

#### [April 22, 2020](#)

Kansas Health Care Association/Kansas Center for Assisted Living, LeadingAge Kansas and the Kansas Adult Care Executives - KACE have issued a joint press release calling for support for nursing homes and assisted housing.

***Heroic efforts made by providers to protect our most vulnerable citizens during pandemic.***

**Where is their support?**

[Joint Association Media Release 4-22-2020](#)

#### [April 21, 2020](#)

- CMS Memo on Reporting Confirmed Cases
  - Notification of Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19
  - Notifying Residents and their Representatives
  - Additional Requirements
- Communication Strategies for Keeping Families Up to Date
- AHCA Skilled SNF Coverage Decisions Under COVID-19 Waivers Flowcharts

#### [April 20, 2020](#)

- CMS Announces New Requirements for Reporting Confirmed Cases
- Nebulizing Guidance
- Help wanted? Post your jobs with KHCA/KCAL

#### [April 17, 2020](#)

- KDADS just posted the link to additional guidance for training temporary aide during the COVID-19 emergency
- Update on Payment of Provider Tax
- Retraction of Waiver Requests for Life Safety Codes
- Any Nursing Home who received Ftag 880 in 2019 or 2020 should be expecting a visit from the KDADS Surveyors
- CDC Updated Criteria for Return to Work

- Hilton's Rooms Donation Program to Frontline Medical Workers

#### [April 16, 2020](#)

- Governor Laura Kelly has announced a new category of temporary aide workers
- Updates to Provider Relief Fund Website
- Where to Turn for Help
- In response to the survey initiated by KHCA, LeadingAge Kansas, and KACE

#### [April 16, 2020](#)

- Governor Laura Kelly has announced a new category of temporary aide workers

#### [April 15, 2020](#)

- CARES Act Provider Relief Funds FAQs
- Disposable Face Shields Available from MIT

#### [April 14, 2020](#)

- Recommendations for When a Resident Wants to Leave the Building
- Medicaid FAQs
- 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Long-Term Care Facility (LTC) Transfer Scenarios
- Notification Guidelines for Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

#### [April 13, 2020](#)

- Facilities Seeking 1135 Waivers for required Life Safety Code Testing, Inspections and Drills **(This has been retracted. Disregard. Please see 4/17/20 update)**
- New CMS Cohorting Guidance
- Update: CMS Revises COVID-19 FAQs on FFS Billing
- Notification Guidelines for Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
- What to Expect from an Infection Control Focused Survey
- CPR Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- KMAP Web Updates
- HHS Region 7 Update

#### [April 10, 2020](#)

- Skilled Nursing Facilities are receiving direct deposit for their portion of the Stimulus Funds
- Extending professional and occupational licenses during the COVID-19 pandemic - Governor's Executive Order No. 20-19
- A Message from Brenda McNorton, Chief of Inspections with the Office of the State Fire Marshal



- N95 Respirator Guidance and Recommendations
- Main Street Lending Program: An Overview

#### [April 10, 2020](#)

- Skilled Nursing Facilities are receiving direct deposit for their portion on FFS

#### [April 9, 2020](#)

- Governor Laura Kelly issued Executive Order No. 20-19
- Update on Personal Protective Equipment

#### [April 8, 2020](#)

- Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office Revises Guidance on Virtual Inspections
- Payroll Based Journal Update
- OSHA Issues Memoranda on Respiratory Protection

#### [April 7, 2020](#)

- LTC Provider Questionnaire on COVID-19 Surge Capacity
- Guidance on Extending CPR Certifications
- KDHE adds state to travel quarantine list - Connecticut

#### [April 6, 2020](#)

- CDC Issues Report on Assisted Living COVID Experience in Seattle
- AHCA/NCAL releases guidance for Medicare Skilled Coverage During COVID-19
- COVID-19 Credible Information Sources
- Updated: Cohorting Residents During COVID-19
- In-house laundering of HCW scrubs
- PEAK is here to assist with Consistent Staffing

#### [April 3, 2020](#)

- Governor Kelly announces partial resumption of State of Kansas operations
- CMS Update - COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance April 2, 2020
- Recordings for CMS National Stakeholder Calls on COVID-19
- CMS Reports Frequent Incorrect Use of PPE
- The Northeast Kansas Health Care Coalition (NEKSHCC) hosted an informational training on the use of PPE

#### [April 2, 2020](#)

- Revised 1135 Waiver Request
- Healthcare Coalition Map & Resources

- Access to CMS National Stakeholder COVID-19 Call Recordings
- HHS Region 7 COVID-19 Update

#### [April 1, 2020](#)

- Accelerated and Advance Payments FAQs - Version 1
- An Update on Alternative Training Paths for Staff
- Memo on Eligibility Requirements for New SBA Loan Program Created by CARES Act

#### [March 31, 2020](#)

- Expansion of the Accelerated and Advance Payments Program for Providers and Suppliers During COVID-19 Emergency
- CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19

#### [March 30, 2020](#)

- 1135 Waiver Request
- AHCA/NCAL Says Segregated COVID-19 Units Best Path for Hospital Discharges
- Department of Labor Guidance on New Leave Benefits Excludes Health Facility Employees
- Medicare Accelerated and Advanced Payments Now Available
- New Guidance on Hospital Transfers

#### [March 27, 2020](#)

- Critical Element Pathways for Infection Control
- The COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist from the CDC
- Emergency Contingency Staffing Plan Sample Policy
- CDC's PPE Burn Rate Calculator

#### [March 26, 2020](#)

- Section 1135 Waiver Flexibilities
- CMS Guidance on Survey Activities

#### [March 25, 2020](#)

- CDC Releases COVID-19 Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living
- A message from KDADS CARE Team - Clarification for the Guidance

#### [March 24, 2020](#)

- KDADS is temporarily modifying the requirements for Certified Nurse Aides (CNA)
- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE

- Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19
- Updated guidance from CMS - Prioritization of Survey Activities