


*Member Connection*  
January 5, 2022



Keep some room in  
your heart for the  
unimaginable.

—MARY OLIVER, POET

# Agenda

COVID Updates

Vaccine Mandates

State Policy

Onward...2022

# COVID Updates

- ▶ 7-day average: 5,735↑ and 1,903↑ hospitalized 462 in ICU
- ▶ Total vaccinated: One dose - 62.2%; Fully vaccinated - 58.2%
- ▶ DHS Update ([12.22.21](#))
  
- ▶ Workforce issues - staffing through the surge
  - Outbreak support through DCF/DHS?
- ▶ Status of federal vaccine mandates
- ▶ CDC updates isolation/quarantine requirements; strategies to mitigate staffing shortages

# Vaccine Mandates

- ▶ US Supreme Court hearing on Jan 7 regarding CMS and OSHA ETS
- ▶ Current Status of Federal Vaccine Mandates (National Law Review, [12.20.21](#))
  - ▶ The OSHA ETS stay of enforcement has been lifted nationwide. On December 17, 2021, OSHA issued a statement confirming that it plans to enforce its ETS, but the agency will have a grace period for compliance, as follows:
    - Immediately, employers must start taking good faith steps to come into compliance with the standard.
    - January 10, 2022, is the new deadline to have a written policy, require masking for unvaccinated employees and provide PTO for employees to get vaccinated.
    - February 9, 2022, is the new deadline to require unvaccinated employees to begin testing weekly for COVID-19.
    - WI DWD has opined that employers are not required to pay for employee testing (Godfrey & Kahn, [12.20.21](#))
  - ▶ The CMS IFR stay of enforcement has been lifted for 25 states. CMS could begin enforcement immediately in the 25 states where the stay has been lifted, which includes Wisconsin. CMS has not yet issued an official statement on enforcement or timing.
  - ▶ The federal contractor vaccine mandate is currently under a nationwide stay of enforcement. No enforcement is permitted at this time.
- ▶ [M3 Resources on OSHA ETS compliance for employers over 100](#)
  - [M3 podcast: OSHA ETS requirements](#)
- ▶ [Vaccine Mandate Resources](#) - Social Current

# CDC Guidance

- ▶ Updated CDC guidance for quarantine/isolation ([1.4.22](#))
  - M3 Flowchart for Isolation/Quarantine ([1.4.22](#))
- ▶ CDC Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages ([12.23.21](#))
  - Useful reference for 24/7 care facilities; continue to follow DCF protocols on outbreaks

# COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PERIOD

UPDATED 01.04.22

## If you test positive for COVID-19 (Regardless of vaccination status):

- Stay home for five days
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after five days, you can leave your house
- Continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves

## If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, AND:

Have been boosted

Have completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

Have completed primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

Have completed primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

Have completed primary series of J&J vaccine over 2 months ago and are not boosted

Have not been vaccinated

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days
- Test on day five, if possible
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home

- Stay home for five days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days
- If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days
- Test on day five, if possible
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home

# State Agency Updates

- ▶ [ForwardHealth 2021-54](#)- Medicaid Rate Changes Effective January 2022: Most OMH/SUD rates increased by more than 20% (due to 5% ARPA bump on top of 15% increase approved in biennial budget)
- ▶ OCMH Annual Report Briefing - January 11, 2022, 9-10 AM ([RSVP](#) / [Report](#))
- ▶ Briefing on [CLTS Service Package Changes](#) - Feb 11, 2022, 9-11 AM (Details)
- ▶ DCF - Family First Newsletter ([Dec 2021](#))
- ▶ WCHSA Post-Complex Needs Summit - OE Process kicks off next week.



# Onward...2022

01.13.22 - WAFCA Congregate Care Convening

01.14.22 - WAFCA Board of Directors (online)

1.19.22 - WAFCA Member Connection

01.20.22 - WAFCA MHTTC Webinar - Millennial Workforce ([Details](#))

([Full WAFCA Calendar](#))

Welcome - Catholic Charities of Madison

WAFCA is hiring - Operations Manager ([Details](#))

## 2022 WAFCA Save the Dates

- ▶ WAFCA Leadership Summit: March 10-11 (Madison) - Registration opens soon!
- ▶ WAFCA Institute: June 22-24 (Door County)
- ▶ WAFCA Member Meeting: Nov 11 (Pewaukee)