



Member Connection
January 19, 2022

Agenda

COVID Updates

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State Policy

WAFCA News

COVID Updates

- ▶ 7-day average: 17,989 ↑ DHS Monitoring System Update ([1.14.22](#))
- ▶ 2,255↑ hospitalized 485 ↑ in ICU
- ▶ DHS Update ([01.10.22](#))
Booster recommended for 12 and up
- ▶ COVID Testing
COVIDTests.gov (4 at home tests per address)
- ▶ Status of federal vaccine mandates
- ▶ DCF Updated Guidance

Vaccine Mandates

- ▶ US Supreme Court injunction on OSHA ETS; sustains CMS mandate ([NLR, 01.18.22](#))
- ▶ The door is not completely closed on the OSHA ETS impacting employers with over 100 employees, but the Court stated OSHA needs to draft something that more focused on occupational health and safety instead of public health.
- ▶ In the interim, OSHA will continue to inspect workplaces and assess for COVID-19 protocols, so employers should continue to keep in place protocols consistent with prior OSHA guidance.
- ▶ OSHA Healthcare ETS ended, but OSHA will continue to enforce standards under general duty clause while the work on a permanent rule. ([OSHA, 12.27.21](#))
- ▶ The Court upheld CMS vaccine mandate
 - ▶ NOTE: This mandate does not apply to most WAFCA member agencies because our agencies are generally not federally Medicare/Medicaid-certified. We are state certified (see DHS Nov 16 Memo)
- ▶ [M3 Employer Toolkit for COVID-19](#)
- ▶ [Vaccine Mandate Resources](#) - Social Current

State Updates

- ▶ DCF published update guidance for congregate care (1.18.22)
 - [Congregate Care: Approach to Family Interaction and Visitors](#)
 - [Congregate Care: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [Congregate Care: Outbreak Response](#)
- ▶ State Assembly acting tomorrow on [AB 686](#) (eliminating SUD credential for APSW) - long calendar for tomorrow
 - ▶ New package of bills on workforce “Stronger Workforce Initiative” ([1.18.22](#))
 - ▶ Expansion of TAD to include mental health ([AB 815](#))
- ▶ WCHSA Complex Needs Summit OE Process continues this week.
WAFCA debrief meeting January 24, 2022, 1-2PM (this zoom link)

WAFCA News

Welcome New WAFCA Member!

[The Production Farm](https://theproductionfarm.org/) (https://theproductionfarm.org/)

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

01.20.22 - School Mental Health Navigators COP, 12-1PM

01.24.22 - WAFCA Zoom - Update/Debrief on WCHSA Complex Needs OE, 1-2 PM

01.24.22 - School Based Clinicians COP, 3-4PM

01.26.22 - Human Resources COP, 1-2PM

01.27.22 - Congregate Care Convening 12-1PM

01.28.22 - Senior Financial Leaders COP, 9-10 AM

([Full WAFCA Calendar](#))

2022 WAFCA Save the Dates

- ▶ [WAFCA Leadership Summit: March 10-11 \(Virtual\)](#)
- ▶ WAFCA Institute: June 22-24 (Door County)
- ▶ WAFCA Member Meeting: Nov 11 (Pewaukee)