



Member Connection
October 13, 2021



Autumn shows us
how beautiful it is
to let things go.

Agenda

COVID Updates

Vaccine Mandates

Other State Updates

State & Federal Activity

Upcoming Events

COVID Updates

- ▶ 7-day average: 2403 ↓ and 1179 ↑ hospitalized
- ▶ Total vaccinated: One dose - 57.2%; Fully vaccinated - 54.4%
- ▶ DHS Update ([10.12.21](#))
 - ▶ Boosters for staff?

People aged 18-64 years at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting MAY get a booster shot vaccine based on their individual benefits and risks. (CDC, [9.27.21](#))
- ▶ DHS Announces Multiple Funding Opportunities to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities ([10.13.21](#))
- ▶ Lawsuits against school districts emerging in state (USAToday, [10.11.21](#))

Federal Vaccine Mandate

- ▶ Impacts for employers ([9.14.21, National Law Review](#))
 - ▶ Employers with 100+ employees - vaccinated or tested weekly
 - ETS sent to White House yesterday
 - ▶ Health care settings receiving Medicaid/Medicare
 - Still awaiting CMS interim final rule. Anticipated yet this month. Health care associations have asked for testing alternative, resources for vaccine campaign to move vaccine resistant

What employers should do now ([MRA FAQ](#))

- ▶ Communicate with your employees -we are paying attention, we are on it, too soon to know
- ▶ Offer incentive for vaccine now. If mandate comes incentive goes away.
- ▶ Gather data on staff vaccine status

Vaccine Accommodations: While awaiting standards from OSHA/CMS, check out the FAQ vaccine guidance from [Safer Federal Workforce](#), including links to recommended accommodation forms for federal contractors ([Medical Accommodation](#) / [Religious Accommodation](#))

Other State Updates

DCF

- ▶ Prevention plan released ([9.29.21](#))
- ▶ QRTP Emergency Rules and Certification Open ([2021-28-lic](#))
- ▶ DMCPS RFP - Stronger Families Prevention Services ([RFP Details](#)>bidder portal>"stronger families")

DHS

- ▶ DHS 35/75 calls - Moving to separate calls in anticipation of [DHS 75 rule publication](#) Oct 25, 2021 (effective Oct 2022)
- ▶ DCTS emerging leaders program - Open application ([Nov 1 deadline](#))

DSPS

- ▶ Presentation/discussion at WAFCA Clinical Supervisors COP Tomorrow!

State & Federal Policy

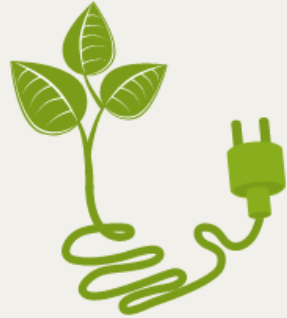
Wisconsin Legislature

- ▶ Safe harbor bill moving ([SB 245](#)/AB 185) - Committee vote tomorrow
- ▶ [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#) Hearings this week on CAN Leg Council Bills; FP Bill of Rights; pre-adoption training; subsidized guardianship payments ([WAFCA Testimony](#))
- ▶ Introduction of [WI Birth Equity Act](#) (Stubbs/Johnson)
- ▶ [AB 592/SB 562](#) Medicaid for 6 months post partum (Loudenbeck/Ballweg)
- ▶ WAFCA continued work on: SUD certification for social work trainees, video recording in congregate care, Raise the Age, liability protections, accreditation deemed status

Federal Policy

- ▶ Congress - Debt ceiling extended through end of year giving space for ongoing deliberations on infrastructure reconciliation packages
- ▶ IMD Action Alert - House companion bill for IMD exception introduced (HR 5414) - courtesy of National Council
- ▶ National Council on Mental Wellbeing Hill Day - Oct 19 (Free registration, Issues - including Medicare for LMFT and LPC)
- ▶ Youth Justice Action Month. Urge Congress to end the harsh treatment of children as adults. <http://bit.ly/YJAM-Petition>
- ▶ Alliance/COA becomes Social Current

Upcoming Events...



WAFCA MEMBER MEETING 2021

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NOVEMBER 12, 2021

- 10.14 - Clinical Supervisors COP (11 AM)
- 10.15 - Senior Financial Leaders COP (9 AM)
- 10.20 - Family First Call (3 PM)
- 10.27 - Human Resources COP (1 PM)

[WAFCA Calendar of Events](#)

[Fall CE Registration Open](#)

[WAFCA E-News \(10.01.21\)](#)