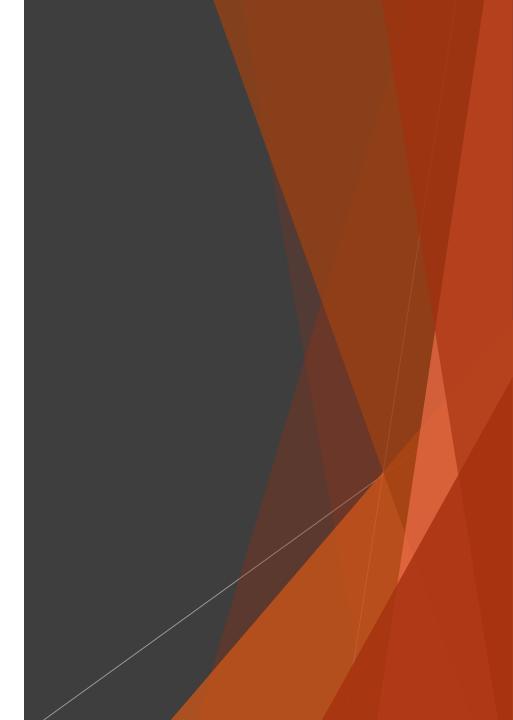


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Effects of Memes and Meme Type on COVID-Related Stress and Coping Efficacy https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/releases/ppm-ppm0000371.pdf



Agenda

COVID Updates

Other State Updates

State Policy

WAFCA Member Meeting

COVID Updates

- ► 7-day average: 1,865 ↓ and 926 ↓ hospitalized
- ► Total vaccinated: One dose 57.6%; Fully vaccinated 54.9%
- ▶ DHS Update (<u>10.25.21</u>)
 - Boosters (J & J approved)
 - Children 5-11 (approval anticipated first week of November)
- EEOC Guidance on Religious Exemptions (National Law Review, 10.27.21)

Other State Updates

DCF

- Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs (11.11.21)
- Family Support Emergency Funds Grant (12.31.21)

DHS

- ▶ DHS 75 published 10.25.21. Effective date October 1, 2022.
- DCTS technical assistance available
 - <u>Revised DHS 75 Implementation webpage</u>
 - Join the email list for "Revised DHS 75 Implementation"
 - Questions can be submitted using this <u>online form</u>
- Governor's Health Equity Council
 - Targeted Programming for Under-Resourced Communities Subcommittee Listening Sessions
 - Nov 7, 6-7 PM & Nov 9, 10-10:45 AM (Proposals include policies for growing diverse MH workforce)

DSPS

Discussion with Clinical Supervisors – details regarding staffing, upcoming IT projects and other potential streamlining options (contact <u>kmarkeland@wafca.org</u> for meeting notes)

State Policy

Wisconsin Legislature

- SB 245/AB 185 Safe Harbor Bill passed out of Senate Committee but lost Republican votes
- Assembly floor session 10.26: workforce housing bills
- Moving out of Assembly committee today: CAN Leg Council Bills (AB <u>423</u>, <u>424</u>, <u>425</u>) subsidized guardianship payments (<u>AB 503</u>)
- Hearing today in <u>Senate Insurance</u>, <u>Licensing & Forestry</u>
 - ► AB 592/<u>SB 562</u> Medicaid for 12 months post partum
 - SB 657 removal of SUD specialty for master's level social workers

WAFCA Member Meeting...Going Virtual





10AM-2:30PM, Via Zoom (Register today)

Featuring interactive discussions and engagement with leaders in the field:

 Wisconsin Workforce Trends from a Human Services Perspective
Dale Knapp, Forward Analytics

• 1% Better

Dr. Mechele Shipman, Anu Family Services

- Dialogue on Future of HS Workforce
- DHS Secretary-Designee Karen Timberlake

Full Agenda