

All Hands on Deck

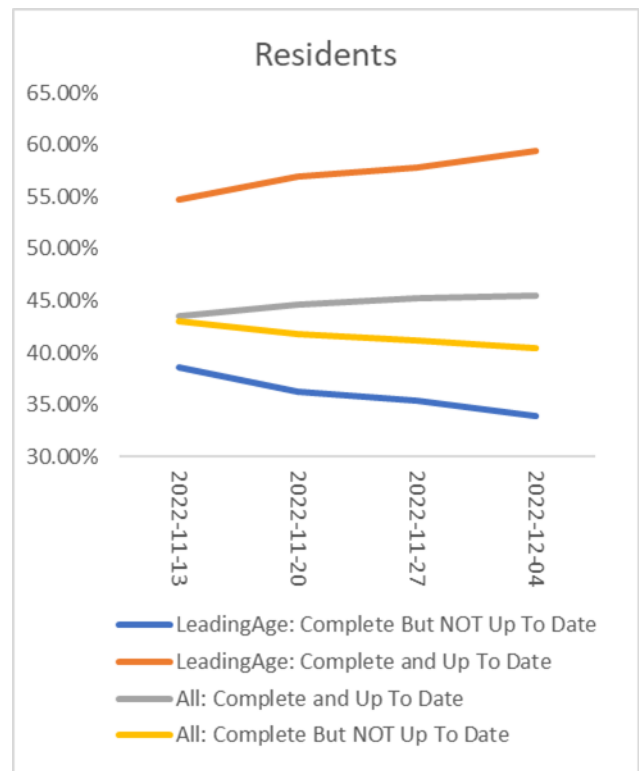
IMPROVING RESIDENT BIVALENT BOOSTER UPTAKE

SHOW ME THE DATA

Bivalent Tracker as of 2022-12-16

All Nursing Homes						
COVID-19 Vaccination Status for Residents in SNFs who Submitted Data and Passed the Quality Check						
Week Ending	Complete and Up To Date	Complete But NOT Up To Date	Declined	Partial	Unknown Status	Medical Contraindication
2022-11-13	43.53%	43.02%	10.01%	1.54%	1.61%	0.00%
2022-11-20	44.63%	41.78%	10.08%	1.55%	1.66%	0.00%
2022-11-27	45.24%	41.13%	10.09%	1.54%	1.71%	0.00%
2022-12-04	45.52%	40.40%	10.54%	1.55%	1.72%	0.00%

LeadingAge Member Nursing Homes						
COVID-19 Vaccination Status for Residents in SNFs who Submitted Data and Passed the Quality Check						
Week Ending	Complete and Up To Date	Complete But NOT Up To Date	Declined	Partial	Unknown Status	Medical Contraindication
2022-11-13	54.70%	38.54%	5.35%	0.69%	0.54%	0.00%
2022-11-20	56.89%	36.31%	5.35%	0.70%	0.54%	0.00%
2022-11-27	57.83%	35.38%	5.35%	0.71%	0.54%	0.00%
2022-12-04	59.36%	33.87%	5.37%	0.70%	0.49%	0.00%



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The percentage of residents in the complete but up to date group has increased by 1.98 percentage points from November 13 to December 4, 2022, while the LeadingAge member nursing homes have seen an increase of 4.66 percentage points during this same period.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- We conducted a brief pulse check on the monthly Life Plan Community (also known as Continuing Care Retirement Communities) member network call. When asked how many skilled nursing facility (SNF) residents had already received the vaccine, most members who responded to the survey gave uptake rates ranging from 85-99%. Quite encouragingly, members also reported

experiencing “no challenges” with access to vaccines, and several credited partnerships with pharmacies for the ease of access. Reasons for why a minority of SNF residents are not getting the bivalent booster included religious and medical reasons, complacency, and vaccine fatigue. To increase participation in the bivalent vaccine, LPC members said that they were offering clinics, ongoing education and outreach, and leadership examples to motivate participation. When we asked what else LeadingAge or the federal government could do to help increase the percentage of SNF residents who receive the bivalent boosters, there was a notable silence in the chat responses. Although the call attendees numbered 59 members, those members on the call represented organizations across the U.S. and both single and multi-site organizations. We continue to collect email input from Life Plan Community members.

- After conversation with HHS team, briefed members on LeadingAge Coronavirus Update Call on Wednesday about the upcoming exemption process so nursing homes can become vaccinators. Shared the HHS information with State Partners.
- Featured Erin Vigne, Director of Clinical Affairs for AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine on LeadingAge Coronavirus Update Call on Wednesday to discuss bivalent vaccines and promote use of the “Pax and Vax” toolkit.
- Distributed the AMDA toolkit to state partners for a second time, to reinforce sharing it.
- Briefed Moving Forward Coalition ([Home - Moving Forward Coalition](#)) Steering Committee on All Hands on Deck campaign, which was well-received by this representative group of nursing home stakeholders—including providers, residents, consumer advocates, researchers, and others.
- Met with CDC and began early discussion of potential “Vaccine Bootcamp” in January; may target Region IV nursing home providers for this first effort.

STATE PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

- Briefed state partners on All Hands on Deck campaign. It was well-received by most, particularly because of the collaborative nature of the project. One Midwest member noted there may be little they can do in their state, as vaccine trust is very low.
- High interest among state partners and provider members, simple materials to promote uptake. Added an item to nightly email to state partners to provide such materials as we identify them.
- Sent state partners a [state-by-state analysis](#) of vaccine and booster uptake in all nursing homes and LeadingAge nursing homes.
- Along with state partners from Washington and Georgia, met with Anita Monteiro on QIO role in All Hands On Deck. State partners shared activities underway with their QIOs, including webinars and vaccine trust materials in multiple languages. Anita and her team will share (and we will push out to state partners and members) the memo that was sent to QIOs about the campaign. Further, they will share QIO resources that are developed with us so we can push them out to members. Will meet every other week with Anita and her team.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Developed list of LeadingAge members with 25 or more residents who are complete but not up to date. Identifying how we will use it, working with state partners. Will potentially use this list for CDC “Vaccine Bootcamp” if we can move that plan forward.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Ashish Jha agreed to join the LeadingAge Coronavirus Call in the first week of January.
- We will continue to send state-by-state analysis to state partners each week and will report back to HHS on how they use it.

DATA DICTIONARY

- **Total**
 - The total residents listed in the data published by CMS from the NHSN from nursing homes who submitted data and the data passed the quality check.
- **Medical Contraindication**
 - The number of residents from the total who cannot receive the COVID-19 vaccination due to a medical contraindication.
- **Declined**
 - The number of residents from the total who have declined the COVID-19 vaccination for a reason that is not a medical contraindication.
- **Unknown Status**
 - The number of residents from the total who has any of the following:
 - Unknown vaccination status.
 - Only one dose of an unknown/unspecified manufacturer. This individual is categorized as unknown vaccination status because it is unclear if this single unspecified dose represents a partial or complete primary series.
 - A gap between their start date and the first status date that is entered, such as start date January 1, declined on February 3. The individual will be categorized as unknown vaccination status from January 1 to January 2.
- **Complete**
 - The number of residents from the total who have completed the primary series of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- **Up To Date** (*as of 9/26/2022 to 12/25/2022*)
 - The number of residents from the total in which any of the following is true:
 - Received an updated bivalent booster dose
 - Received their last booster dose less than two months ago
 - Completed their primary series less than two months ago

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