

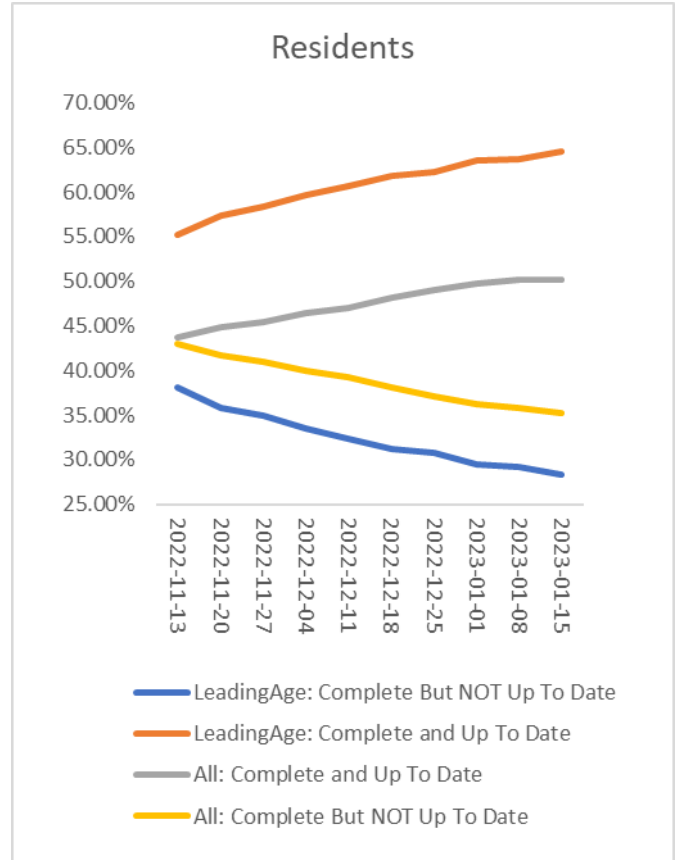
# All Hands on Deck

## IMPROVING RESIDENT BIVALENT BOOSTER UPTAKE

### SHOW ME THE DATA

Bivalent Tracker as of 2023-01-27

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	43.65%	42.93%	9.99%	1.54%	1.62%	0.27%
2022-11-20	44.78%	41.67%	10.05%	1.55%	1.66%	0.28%
2022-11-27	45.44%	40.97%	10.05%	1.55%	1.70%	0.29%
2022-12-04	46.36%	39.93%	10.11%	1.53%	1.79%	0.28%
2022-12-11	47.00%	39.20%	10.20%	1.56%	1.75%	0.29%
2022-12-18	48.10%	38.04%	10.23%	1.58%	1.76%	0.29%
2022-12-25	49.01%	37.03%	10.28%	1.60%	1.79%	0.30%
2023-01-01	49.78%	36.23%	10.32%	1.57%	1.81%	0.30%
2023-01-08	50.19%	35.74%	10.36%	1.57%	1.84%	0.29%
2023-01-15	50.22%	35.17%	10.92%	1.62%	1.81%	0.27%



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	55.17%	38.08%	5.35%	0.71%	0.50%	0.19%
2022-11-20	57.37%	35.85%	5.36%	0.72%	0.50%	0.19%
2022-11-27	58.30%	34.90%	5.38%	0.73%	0.51%	0.18%
2022-12-04	59.57%	33.46%	5.47%	0.72%	0.58%	0.19%
2022-12-11	60.68%	32.29%	5.50%	0.74%	0.59%	0.19%
2022-12-18	61.73%	31.24%	5.49%	0.77%	0.59%	0.19%
2022-12-25	62.17%	30.71%	5.53%	0.80%	0.60%	0.20%
2023-01-01	63.56%	29.51%	5.43%	0.76%	0.56%	0.17%
2023-01-08	63.62%	29.24%	5.60%	0.74%	0.60%	0.19%
2023-01-15	64.48%	28.26%	5.72%	0.77%	0.55%	0.21%

Number of Nursing Homes Who Submitted Data and the Data Passed the Quality Check as of 2023-01-27		
Week Ending	All Nursing Homes	LeadingAge Member Nursing Homes
2022-11-13	14,857	1,689
2022-11-20	14,849	1,693
2022-11-27	14,811	1,686
2022-12-04	14,850	1,692
2022-12-11	14,844	1,692
2022-12-18	14,836	1,690
2022-12-25	14,801	1,685
2023-01-01	14,795	1,685
2023-01-08	14,696	1,674
2023-01-15	10,435	1,148

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The percentage of residents in the complete but up to date group has increased by 6.57 percentage points from 2022-11-13 to 2023-01-15 while the LeadingAge member nursing homes have seen an increase of 9.31 percentage points during this same period. For the past 3 weeks ending, overall, the trend for up to date has "flat-lined" nationally. In contrast, LeadingAge members have continued to increase at a steady pace with only the previous week ending showing little change.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Karen Kaplan, Health and Science Editor for the Los Angeles Times, appeared on our member call to talk about her Coronavirus Today work. Karen has been repeating the observation that "we may be done with COVID but COVID isn't done with us." She was able to connect the dots between bivalent boosters and the attitudes and personal risk assessments of individuals.
- Our outreach continues to nursing home members who show very high rates of bivalent acceptance among residents. We are aiming to hold a conversation with a small group of them the second week of February.
- We posted this [feature story](#) highlighting the activities of three LeadingAge members with high percentages of residents who are up to date. At Eskaton Center Greenhaven in Sacramento, California 90% of residents are up to date; at Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana, Illinois, 100% of residents are up to date. The story talks about the approaches these providers took, including scheduling vaccine clinics on site and modeling healthy behaviors.

## STATE PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

- State partners continue to use the state-by-state resident bivalent acceptance data for LeadingAge members that we send them each week.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- We processed an additional 248 provider requests for test kits; we have now sent a total of 1,164 requests to HHS. Provider members are very pleased with the quick turnaround. Based on conversations with HHS about some challenges with very large orders, we decided to modify the weekly limit. We advised members and other providers ordering through the LeadingAge website to limit orders to 1,000 test kits per week and added the caveat that those ordering test kits should ensure they have adequate storage capacity.
- There was some trade press coverage as a result of Secretary Becerra's appearance on our member call and other LeadingAge activities and press outreach related to All Hands on Deck. Recent articles include:
  - \*Skilled Nursing News: [HHS Secretary on Nursing Home Boosters: 'Stakes Still High,' More LeadingAge Collaboration Possible](#) 1/18/2023
  - \*McKnight's Senior Living: [HHS: 'We still have a lot of work to do' to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates](#) 1/19/2023
  - \*McKnight's Long-Term Care News: ['COVID stakes are still high,' Becerra tells aging services providers](#) 1/19/2023

- \*McKnight's Long-Term Care News: [US health chief: COVID vaccinations up at nursing homes but egregious lapses exist](#) 1/19/2023

## LOOKING FORWARD

- On our LeadingAge member call on Monday, January 30, we'll feature a conversation with Gary Hennis from Westminster Communities of Florida. The Westminster Woods on Julington Creek location boasts a 100% (not a typo!) staff "up to date" rate. Gary will talk about the secrets to their success.

## 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 have 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 1/1, declined on 2/3. The individual will be categorized as unknown vaccination status from 1/1 to 2/2
- 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 2 months ago
    - Completed their primary series less than 2 months ago

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