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# LTC COVID-19 Update

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## Today's Topics

- COVID-19 booster shots – Amy Kent
- Omicron and new COVID-19 therapeutics – Dr. Vuppalanchi
- COVID-19 vaccine mandate – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

*Incontinence, UTI and Catheters, a webinar on Dec 15, details [HERE](#)*

*The Proficient Infection Preventionist, a webinar series in 2022, pre-purchase now and save \$\$, details [HERE](#)*



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## December Weekly Calls

- Weekly calls will take place on Thursday as usual during the month of December except for December 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dec 9 – call as usual
  - Dec 16 – call as usual
  - Dec 23 – call as usual
  - Dec 30 – call canceled
  - January 6, 2022 back to weekly calls on Thursday as usual



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## COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

- There are currently four active cases regarding the CMS interim final rule staff vaccine mandate.
  - Louisiana litigation
  - Missouri litigation
  - Florida
  - Texas



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## What does this mean for me in Indiana?

- While the interim final rule is, as of today, prevented in all states from going into effect, Medicare providers should continue to prepare to have policies and procedures ready so that if the governments arguments prevail, they can be quickly implemented.



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## Policies and Procedures

- What policy will be in place until a government mandate requires it.
- It is not certain which way this will go.
- IHCA will continue to monitor and provide updates to you on these calls.



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## Frequently asked question

Focused Infection Control Surveys are now 20% annually and prioritized according to risk factors mentioned in the QSO memo.

- A. With that said, how is the ISDH defining annual? January to December 2021? April – April? Or something else?
- B. When do the changes go into effect? - several organizations and facilities have reported having several Focused Infection Control surveys last week and this week.



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## Frequently asked question

How is the IDOH prioritizing recertification surveys. Example – some facilities have not had a survey since February or March of 2019, and it has been about 3 years since a survey..... Is this considered a priority or are other metrics being used?



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# Q & A

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