

## Update from KDADS

All CMS regulated nursing homes in Kansas have had their required Infection Control survey says Commission Lacey Hunter. Infection Control surveyors are not over, however. Hunter reports that KDADS receives a list from CMS weekly with 3-5 nursing homes on it that will receive another Infection Control survey. How the homes are selected is not clear but likely tied to COVID-19 hot spots and past noncompliance. During the time when KDADS has been focusing on Infection Control surveys and complaint investigations, 90 complaint surveys were completed resulting in 26 IJs. Of the 90 complaint investigations 39 were related to infection control and 16 of those instances resulted citations of and IJ. This information is being shared on the KDADS website. Click here <https://www.kdads.ks.gov/covid-19/adult-care-home-covid-19-data>

to see a list of nursing homes that were cited. You will see the alphabet letters. Click the letter of the name of the nursing home you are looking for. If they are not listed, they had no deficiencies. If there name is on the list, follow the link to the normal directory to look up 2567 information. KDADS does plan to create a special site to acknowledge the nursing homes with zero deficiencies from their Infection Control survey.

State Licensed Only Facilities must also receive an Infection Control survey. There deadline for completion is in late September. Currently 129 Home Plus have been surveyed and only 48 Assisted Living, leaving nearly 300 to go. KDADS says that Assisted Living and Home Plus are not receiving as many citations as nursing homes.

As mentioned, KDADS plans to focus surveys on Complaints at an IJ level, Infection Control surveys in State Licensed Only and the weekly updated list from CMS. When they return to more normal survey activity they plan to expand complaint surveys to C-10 surveys which include lower scope and severity issues and regular surveys for homes that are close to or over the 15 month interval for annual inspection. This will include a Life Safety Code inspection as well.

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