



## Dane County Department of Human Services

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TO: HHN Committee, other interested parties

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RE: December Update

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We had been working diligently in coordination with DOA to administer the CMS mandates to vaccinate all Badger Prairie employees. As a result of the new rules, several staff tendered their resignations. Upon the recent news that a court has now issued an injunction, two staff have wanted to rescind their resignation, which I have allowed.

The new CMS rules also prohibit Badger Prairie from having any visitor restrictions including advanced scheduling, limits, having visits in secure environments and similar strategies that have been relied on heavily since the pandemic began. We are implementing the new protocols as directed.

We have at least one vendor transition this month subject to board approval as a result of pandemic response RFP results. Managing these vendor transitions will be a large focus of staff attention in the coming weeks.

The isolation and quarantine shelter has also seen a large influx of positive cases and close contacts in recent weeks. Staff have been in close contact with partners to strategize on short and long term needs. This we believe is the largest virus outbreak in shelter since the beginning of the pandemic.

Thank you, as always, for your support.