



2022

SOUTHERN DISTRICT WINTER NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 23, 2022** ----WHA - 2022 Advocacy Day - While there is no registration fee to participate in Advocacy Day, pre-register at [WHA - 2022 Advocacy Day](#)
- **May 3, 2022** ----Southern District Spring Meeting (Host - SSM Health St Mary's Hospital - Madison)
- **October 11-13, 2022** ----Partners of WHA State Convention. (Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells)

YEAR END REPORTS

I received year end Districts reports in a timely manner to complete the District Chair Annual Report. The Annual Report is sent to Peg Larson, President, Partners of Wisconsin Hospital Association. This Report is a validation of statewide activity and enables the State Officers to assist in matters of concern.

CHE and PPE Reports

Submitted by Sherry Jelic, Southern District CHE Chair

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

February is American Heart Month to bring awareness about heart health and stroke prevention.

We continue our focus of Infectious Disease for 2022. COVID has been the disease with the most attention since 2020. But there are other common infectious diseases. Pneumonia, shingles, influenza, and food borne illnesses are just a few. The Partners website (partnersofwha.org) has lots of information for your education reports.

And some thoughts about COVID....there is a new line of thinking that rather than working to eradicate COVID, we must learn to live with it as we do with other respiratory viruses, such as influenza. COVID would then become an endemic – which by CDC definition is an infection within a geographic location that is existing perpetually. In other words, it would become a manageable, seasonal illness.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

One of our most meaningful and impactful activities as volunteers is advocating for our health and hospital systems. If you are a HEAT (Hospital Education & Advocacy Team) member, you receive alerts about legislation that impacts our health systems. You are then assisted in contacting your legislators. Letters to them are done for you – you can add personal experiences or comments as you wish – and then they are sent to the correct legislators that represent you. It's easy, and effective. Our collective voices influence health care policy. To sign up for HEAT, or to get information on current issues affecting health care, go to wha.org/HEAT-SignUp, or partnersofwha.org under the Public Policy tab.

REMEMBER – Advocacy Day is March 23, 2022. It is a free virtual event, but sign up is required at wha.org. The day includes a great key-note speaker, a bipartisan legislative panel discussion, and an opportunity to meet with your legislators or capitol staff.