



January 2022 MAFP News & Events

MAFP Advocacy Day Feb. 28 – March 1

Be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on February 28 – March 1, 2022. Events will be held both at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City and virtually through Zoom.

[Register Here](#)

Schedule of Events

February 28, 2022

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Legislative Briefing at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Buffet Dinner at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Virtual Legislative Briefing *(You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting prior to the event.)*

March 1, 2022

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Virtual Legislative Briefing

9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Meetings with your legislators. *Scheduled by MAFP staff.*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon at Capitol Plaza Hotel

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MAFP Board of Directors Meeting

2022 Legislative Session Begins

January 5 marks the start of the 2022 Missouri legislative session in Jefferson City. The MAFP is leading the way representing Missouri's family physicians to our elected leaders. This year's legislative priorities include the preceptor workforce program legislation in the House and Senate, opposing scope of practice expansion efforts, support for immunizations, and the many other issues important to providing quality patient care to Missourians. To date, over 1,100 bills and resolutions have been pre-filed.

[Stay up to date on MAFP's efforts by reading the weekly legislative update and bill tracking report that can be found here.](#)

Complete the 2022 MAFP Membership Needs Assessment

Please take 14 minutes today to provide us with important information that will help guide the Academy for the next several years. Your input is truly appreciated and needed!

The information obtained from this survey will be used by the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors to determine how to allocate resources and best serve you. All responses are kept confidential. These results will also be used in the development of the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

By completing the entire survey and including your name, you become eligible for a \$100 Mastercard gift card. Please complete the survey by January 31, 2022. The drawing will occur after the survey is closed.

[Take the Survey](#)

Registration Open for the Spring Scientific CME Series

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is hosting four virtual sessions in 2022 for our members to conveniently earn CME! Each session will be held via Zoom from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Member registration is \$25 per session or \$75 for all four sessions.

February 17, 2022 – Neurology

March 17, 2022 – Geriatrics

April 21, 2022 – Cancer

May 19, 2022 – Musculoskeletal

More details on session topics and speakers will be available soon. Keep an eye on our website for updates. Email bplank@mo-afp.org with any questions.

[Register Now](#)

Represent MAFP at NCCL in 2022

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning your schedule for AAFP's spring leadership conferences. Each year, AAFP holds the National Conference of Constituency Leaders and Annual Chapter Leader Forum together in Kansas City, Missouri. NCCL representatives and ACLF attendees from across the nation gather to discuss various issues, suggest policies and programs to AAFP, and receive leadership training. In 2022, the conferences will be held April 28-30 and MAFP is looking for members to serve on the delegation representing the following constituencies: new physicians (physicians who have been out of residency for seven years or fewer), women, minorities, international medical graduates, and LGBT physicians. MAFP reimburses your travel for each of the five delegates.

Interested? Email Kathy Pabst at kpabst@mo-afp.org by Friday, January 7, 2022.

For more information about NCCL, go to www.aafp.org/events/aclf-nccl/nccl.html and for more on ACLF, go to www.aafp.org/events/aclf-nccl/aclf.html.

Important News from the Show-Me-State

Governor Parson Announces COVID-19 Related State of Emergency to Expired on December 31

Governor Mike Parson announced that Missouri's COVID-19 related State of Emergency expired on December 31, 2021. Governor Parson first issued an Executive Order (EO) declaring a State of Emergency existed due to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020. COVID-19 related State of Emergency was extended five times before issuing a final targeted executive order for health care needs in August 2021. Currently, only three of Missouri's border states and 20 other states in the nation have state of emergencies related to COVID-19 in place.

The best method to prevent serious illness from COVID-19 is vaccination, and more and more Missourians continue choosing to get primary and booster vaccinations. In the month of December alone, more than 565,000 doses of vaccine were administered and 42 percent were part of a primary vaccine series. Nearly 94 percent of Missourians 65 and older, the most vulnerable, have received at least one dose. More than 73 percent of Missourians 18 and older and over 62 percent of all Missourians have chosen to initiate vaccination.

AAFP COD Resolutions Available for Member Comment

The [2021 Congress of Delegates](#) resolutions are available for member comment between January 5-14, 2022. Any member will be able to submit written testimony on a resolution through the AAFP website. The ability to comment on each resolution will replicate the functionality used by members to comment on news stories. The written testimony will be collated for each resolution and shared with the respective reference committee in advance to consider during their executive session. The reference committees will meet virtually on January 22-23, 2022, and the Congress of Delegates will meet February 5-7, 2022 in Kansas City to discern and vote on the resolutions.

Apply for AAFP-Supported New NHSC Loan Repayment Programs

HRSA announced a new round of applications for three National Health Service Corps loan repayment programs: (1) the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, (2) the Substance Abuse Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program, and (3) the Rural Community Loan Repayment Program. The \$800 million to be awarded in 2022 was made available through the American Rescue Plan and resulted in part due to the AAFP's successful efforts to increase funding for NHSC programs. All three programs use one application, but you can apply to only one program. The deadline for application submissions is Feb. 3, 2022. [Visit the NHSC Loan Repayment Programs website for more information.](#)

Shape Your Specialty's Future

The world has changed, so the AAFP has updated its Member Census with 12 multiple-choice questions more relevant to today's family medicine practice. Please take 5 minutes to tell us about your experiences as a family physician. Your insight helps the AAFP develop the resources and support you need to continue providing the best patient care possible.



Fill in the Blank
SHAPE YOUR SPECIALTY'S FUTURE.

Take the Member Census today:

- **Relevant**—updated to reflect today's practice
- **Easy**—12 multiple choice questions
- **Fast**—5 minutes to complete



aafp.org/membercensus

Upcoming Events

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[Annual Fall Conference, November 11-12, 2022, Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale](#)