LeadingAge Need to Know: COVID-19 – June 2, 2020

We are sharing the very latest with members twice each weekday. Morning updates go out via email, and we're hosting daily online updates each weekday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. ET through June. Register now. You can visit the main coronavirus page anytime.

Following are the latest coronavirus news and resources.

New CMS Guidance and Data Release

Yesterday, CMS announced significant increases in infection control surveys and enforcement based on the early data around COVID-19 in nursing homes. LeadingAge's analysis of the new guidance is available now: CMS Announces Enhanced Survey Activity and Enforcement Remedies Related to Infection Control. We immediately released a statement to the media, calling on policy leaders to protect vulnerable older Americans. McKnight's Long Term Care covered our response, and we will be continuing outreach to the press to help them understand the new CMS data releases.

New QuickCast on Reopening Nursing Homes

The LeadingAge Knowledge Center continues to add new content to help you navigate the COVID-19 crisis. This week's QuickCast is Reopening Considerations for Nursing Homes. In this 18-minute QuickCast, LeadingAge's Jodi Eyigor and Janine Finck-Boyle review guidance from CMS on reopening and the important factors nursing home providers should consider. Access this and other resources for free on the Learning Hub Coronavirus page.

From the LeadingAge LTSS Center

The LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston is sharing research studies and research-based articles focusing on how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting older adults and the people who care for them. Check out our <u>brief summaries of the latest data and analysis</u>, including these recently posted articles:

- The Coronavirus May Never Go Away
- Can Contact Tracing Work in the U.S.?
- COVID-19 Testing: More Effective Than Symptom Screening

Post Your Open Jobs on the Aging Services Career Center

Have you posted your open jobs on the <u>LeadingAge Aging Services Career Center</u>? We are partnering with major national employers to connect displaced workers from fields such as dining, retail, and hospitality with available jobs in aging services. Over 650 new jobs have been posted in recent weeks. Learn more about how to post your jobs for FREE now.

New Insights and Tools From LeadingAge

LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential advocacy, guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers s, including Provider Relief Fund June 3
<a href="Deadline Is Last Chance for "True Up" Payment for Medicare Providers. A complete timeline of insights, tools, and useful links is available here, so you'll never miss an update.

Questions? Ask LeadingAge National, Your State Association, or Each Other

There are many ways to get help during this crisis. Contact LeadingAge's national team directly or email us at covid@leadingage.org. If you have questions about local and state issues, contact your state association. Join the MyLeadingAge Member Community COVID-19 group to ask questions, access resources, and share best practices for dealing with the coronavirus.