

LeadingAge Need to Know: COVID-19 – July 15, 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. [Register now](#). Visit the [main coronavirus page anytime](#).

Following are the latest coronavirus news and resources.

A Message From Our Board Chair

LeadingAge Board Chair, Carol Silver Elliott, offers this message to members about moving through the pandemic and our approach to the future.

If there's an expression that we have heard too many times already, it is the "new normal." It's the way people are describing all the behaviors we've had to change and the adjustments we've had to make in our lives.

[Read the entire message from Carol](#) on what she's calling our "now normal."

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, including:

- [CMS Extends Deadlines for HCBS Settings Rule](#)
- [LeadingAge Provider Relief Fund Explainer](#)

A complete [timeline of insights, tools, and useful links is available here](#), so you'll never miss an update.

State Nursing Home Testing Payment Policies Tracker

This tracker, created by LeadingAge Ohio, captures how each state is handling COVID-19 testing. As policies continue to shift state-by-state and cases surge, it's clear that a coordinated national plan is needed now more than ever. Please note, this tracker is a snapshot in time and is accurate as of July 13, 2020. [Review the tracker now](#).

Basic Care Aide Online Training Tool

LeadingAge's [Basic Care Aide Skill Competency Training Tool](#) is still available to help you maximize your workforce and maintain quality standards. Developed by EduCare®, the program provides a foundation for the skills of the Basic Care Aide in a variety of settings. The training tool is FREE to members and is [available now on the Learning Hub](#).

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.