



**MEMBER BRIEFING:  
LTC Testing, Webinars, National Day of Action  
April 24, 2020**

**OF SPECIAL NOTE**

**Good News on Testing for Those Living & Working in Senior Living Communities**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on Monday night revised guidelines for COVID-19 testing to prioritize impacted populations and all frontline workers. The guidelines continue to allow healthcare providers to make clinical decisions about their patients. In addition, if supplies allow, asymptomatic people within the congregate care or group living systems (senior living communities) can be considered for testing.

The newly revised guidelines urge clinicians to potentially increase testing for Oregonians who may be at particular risk for contracting COVID-19. These groups include:

- those living or working in congregate care or group living facilities;
- underserved and marginalized populations, including racial and ethnic minority groups;
- essential frontline workers, including those providing healthcare services and those serving the public, such as grocery store workers.

[The new clinical guidelines for testing can be found here.](#)

**RESOURCES & TOOLS**

**LeadingAge Oregon Weekly COVID-19 Call Friday, April 17 at 10:00 am**

Be sure to join us on Friday for our weekly LeadingAge Oregon COVID-19 check-in call. This week Steve Hopkins, facilitator of our Leadership Academy, will join us to talk about leadership in challenging times. We will also take time to hear from those on the call, please be sure to bring your questions and ideas to share about anything COVID-19 related.

<https://zoom.us/j/213203707>

Dial in 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID: 213 203 707

**COVID-19 and Trauma Informed Care: Strategies for Caregivers - Complimentary Webinar April 30**

For most people, COVID-19 will be associated with **increased uncertainty and stress**. When we are under stress, we are more likely to trigger the “survival” or “fight or flight” responses in our brain. For some, this may mean difficulty with executive functions, for others, difficulty managing emotional responses, and for others, it may mean difficulty making decisions. How we respond to COVID is individualized. **The global pandemic is affecting us as healthcare workers and the residents whom we serve. How should we as staff care for and approach our residents? How should we approach our**

**staff?** And how will our future interactions be affected? This session will review these concepts and more as we look at using a trauma-informed approach to address the COVID pandemic.

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Education Director, Select Rehabilitation

**Date:** Thursday, April 30th

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pacific

**Interactive GoToMeeting Webinar [Registration](#) Register Today!**

### **The Guide to MDS Codes During COVID-10 – Free Webinar**

**Demi Haffenreffer**, who teaches our MDS classes, is offering a free webinar on the MDS codes most significant during the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will include:

- Review CMS waivers for completion
- Review section I0020B-COVID ICD 10 code
- Review of section O0100M and Isolation/Quarantine for active Infectious Disease

Learn more [here](#). Register [here](#).

### **The CARES Act and Other Financial Relief – Free Webinar**

The CARES Act provides significant relief for all businesses, including those providing long-term care and senior living services. Although people initially focused on the expansion of the payroll protection program (PPP) loans, other important relief provisions are available. Please join us for a webinar next week moderated by [Gabi Sanchez](#) at which:

- [Joe Greenman](#) will give an update on developments in Washington, D.C. that impact long-term care and senior living business, including the possible enactment of the fourth coronavirus relief bill.
- [Eric Kodesch](#) will summarize the following tax relief provisions in the CARES Act: the employee retention credit, the deferred due date of the employer portion of social security taxes, and the relaxation of rules limiting the deductibility of net operating losses and interest.
- [Greg Pyle](#) will summarize favorable loans available under the CARES Act, including Main Street Lending Program loans.

Learn more and register [here](#).

### **National Day of Action for Aging Services**

LeadingAge national has successfully advocated for provisions and policies that directly help members maintain operations while providing the best care and services during the pandemic. Today, hundreds of LeadingAge staff, state executives and members from across the country would have descended on Washington D.C., for meetings with members of Congress as part of our annual Lobby Day. Of course, we cannot be on Capitol Hill in person today, but we're still fighting for you. Join us and make your voice heard! Contact your representative on this National Day of Action for Aging Services.

**Join Today's National Day of Action for Aging Services**

Help us spread the word among your local advocates. Use the social post below and download [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) graphics to encourage your network to act on behalf of aging services.

*Today is LeadingAge's National Day of Action for Aging Services! Join me and thousands of LeadingAge members to advocate for critical relief for aging services providers. Contact your members of Congress now! <https://mobilize4change.org/Nk3Mm5K>*