



MEMBER BRIEFING:
**Phase 1 Reopening Residents leaving-reentering, Phase 2 principles, CMS
Infection Control training**
June 4, 2020

OF SPECIAL NOTE

APD Issues Phase 1 Guidance for Residents Leaving and Reentering Facilities

Late yesterday, Adult and People with Disabilities (APD) issued guidance to nursing, assisted living, and residential care facilities on residents leaving and reentering the facility. The goal of the guidance is to simultaneously, honor resident's rights, and protect resident/staff health and safety while recognizing the high risk of COVID-19 outbreaks due to the congregate nature of communities. The guidance includes the types of information to be provided to residents prior to leaving and screening requirements upon reentry. LeadingAge Oregon has been providing feedback to APD on the various guidances being developed. Obtain the guidance [here](#).

Phase 2 Visitation Guidance to Come Next

At the Senate Interim Committee on Human Services hearing yesterday, Mike McCormick, APD Interim Director indicated work has begun on Phase 2 guidance for resident visitation and outlined what the general criteria would include, noting it could be subject to change. It is anticipated that the guidance will be out next week. The key criteria McCormick outlined for resident visitation to resume follow:

- The building must be COVID-19 free
- The county must be approved for Phase 2 reopening
- A limit on the number of visitors in building at one time, with a possible requirement of an appointment system
- Full screening of visitors
- Observation of social distancing and wearing of masks

Most counties outside the metro area have already applied for Phase 2 reopening with many receiving notices today on their approval status to open this Friday.

Wage Survey

The LeadingAge Oregon annual Wage Survey has gone out. Those who complete the survey will receive the raw data as well as averages in each category. Participating communities will not be identified in the report. Access the 2020 Wage Survey [here](#).

STATE NEWS

Infection Preventionist Training Webinars & Materials

Also, late yesterday, Safety, Quality and Oversight (SOQ) informed and encouraged nursing, assisted living and residential care facilities to take advantage of training resources on infection prevention, control, and management. The trainings consist of a weekly webinar series held every Thursday, 1-2

PST that runs through July 16, and links to other infection preventionist training materials. Register for the webinar series [here](#). Obtain the memorandum to access the other resource [here](#).

NATIONAL NEWS

HUD Announces CARES Act allocation for Project-Based Communities

On June 1, HUD published a [funding allocation update](#) on COVID-19 relief from the March 27 CARES Act. Of the \$1 billion approved for Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA), HUD will complete \$800 million in funding allocations during the week of June 1 to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus through regular operations. According to the HUD memo, the supplemental resources announced this week will support communities in maintaining normal operations, including by offsetting decreased tenant rent payments.

LeadingAge welcomed the announcement but urged HUD to move quickly on the remaining funds. Specifically, they asked HUD to issue allocation methodology for the remaining \$200 million of Section 8 PBRA and Section 202 CARES Act funds for [severe and unbudgeted expenses](#) – including extra cleaning, security, and staffing – incurred by communities to keep residents and staff as safe as possible through the pandemic. See the full article [here](#).

RESOURCES

Complimentary Webinar – Do’s and Don’ts of Employee Appreciation During Tough Times - June 24 at 1:00 pm Appreciation is always vital to your organizational culture and employee engagement, but it is especially so when you are dealing with a crisis. During this session, you’ll learn the common traps that organizations fall into and what you should never do when it comes to sharing meaningful appreciation. We’ll also talk about what you should be doing as a leader to spread hope, positivity, and thanks to team members who are doing so much.

LeadingAge Oregon, Washington, and California are working together to sponsor this complimentary webinar by DRIVE Culture Outcomes. Be sure to register ahead of time, as there are a limited number of spots available. **See the flyer [here](#). Register [here](#).**

Quick Casts

LeadingAge national has prepared many Quick Casts on a variety of topics related to COVID-19 including mental health, leadership, ethical dilemmas, technology, and more. [Check them out here](#) – all are free and 30 minutes or less.

Educational Opportunities

LeadingAge Oregon and instructor Demi Haffenreffer have converted the in-person classes we typically offer to webinar-based instruction.

- **Nursing Practice in Community-Based Care: A Training for Nurses in ALFs, RCFs, and Memory Care**
 - Tuesday, June 16 – Thursday, June 18, 2020
 - 9:00 am – 1:00 each day
 - See more [here](#) and register [here](#)