



**Coronavirus Member Briefing
Testing, Updated Visitation, ADS Suspension, CNA Training Options,
COVID-19 & Workmen's Compensation
March 13, 2020**

Access all LeadingAge Oregon Updates and Other Resources on our [website](#) that is updated regularly.

You Are Our Heroes & Inspiration

You have always been an inspiration to us for all you do everyday on behalf of those you serve! That is even more true today, where these uncharted waters are requiring so much more of us. It's hard to believe that it was just two weeks ago we learned about the first case in Oregon. During these weeks ahead, please remember to take a breath, to take a moment to do something that helps center your soul, whether it be listening to your favorite music, a walk outside, spending time with loved ones. And know we're all in this together. Please let us know what we can do. You are our heroes – Thank you!

Important CMS Announcement Made This Afternoon

We just received notice from CEO Katie Sloan that CMS announced at a press conference late this afternoon the they are restricting visitor access to nursing homes. LeadingAge will update us we soon as they have more to share.

Weekly Member Check-Ins

Every Wednesday, beginning next **Wednesday March 18th** at **noon** we are creating the opportunity for members to share information, resources, problem-solve, and learn how each other are dealing with certain issues. We'll use Zoom in which you can use a video option or a phone option. To connect:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/508828421>

By Phone: +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 508 828 421

Provider or Setting-Specific Resources

National LeadingAge has developed provider/setting specific resources on COVID-19 that can be found at the below links:

- [Adult Day/PACE/Senior Centers](#)
- [Affordable Housing](#)
- [Assisted Living Communities](#)
- [Home Health](#)
- [Hospice](#)
- [Life Plan Communities/CCRC's](#)

- [Nursing Homes](#)

Oregon Health Authority Informational Webinar on Testing for COVID-19

Today, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provided information to nursing, assisted living and residential care facilities related to testing for COVID-19. Information included reporting requirements, diagnosis, testing options, how to test, personal protective equipment (PPE), work exclusions, preparedness, and what to do if there are cases in the facility. Access the webinar [handout](#). OHA will be developing written guidance shortly. Visit Oregon Health Authority [OHA COVID-19](#) for additional resources and updates.

APD Releases Updated Visitation Guidelines

Today, APD issued [Provider Alert, NF-20-68](#), transmitting a [letter](#) to be used by nursing, assisted living and residential care providers to educate residents, friends and families about the new restricted visitation guidelines.

Adult Day Service Programs Suspended

Yesterday, Mike McCormick, Interim APD Director sent an [executive letter](#) directing all adult day service providers to suspend operations for the period of March 16 to April 30, 2020. During a conference call this morning, McCormick indicated the state would be able to provide some amount of yet undetermined compensation to cover part of their expenses during the suspension. He also indicated APD was working on a request to CMS for guidance on what providers can do outside their settings during this time.

Board of Nursing Approves Clinical Replacement Options for CNA Training

Today, the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) announced it will allow nursing assistant training programs to use a variety of methods for replacing students' clinical experience during the current state of emergency. The [OSBN announcement](#) describes in detail some of the alternate clinical options available.

SAIF Issues Employer Information on COVID-19 and Workmen's Compensation

SAIF, Oregon's Workmen's Compensation Program has issued a [guide](#) on what employers need to know about workmen's compensation in relation to COVID-19. The guide indicates that COVID-19 may be a compensable work injury. The burden of proof is on the employee to show that the coronavirus was contracted while working or traveling to work.