

Coronavirus Member Briefing Resources Update March 2, 2020

Since Friday there have been numerous reports of confirmed coronavirus cases on both sides of the country. Four coronavirus-related deaths have been linked to the LifeCare Center nursing facility in Kirkland Washington, with an additional 50 people at the facility being tested for the virus illustrating just how risky flu viruses are for older adults. Both national LeadingAge and LeadingAge Oregon will continue to provide you with the latest resources on the coronavirus to help you prepare. Please see the latest below and let us know if there is something we can do.

Oregon Resources:

- <u>DHS-SOQ Admin Alert</u> to all nursing, assisted living/residential care facilities and adult
 foster homes to encourage posting a <u>notice</u> to visitors, <u>information on how to prevent</u>
 the spread of viruses, <u>Coronavirus Fact Sheet</u> and notice to providers that DHS will not
 take negative regulatory action for facilities acting in good faith when denying visitation.
- Oregon Health Authority Updates on the Coronoavirus. For general information on the coronavirus, call 211. If it concerns a medical emergency, call 911.
- Find the contact information for your local public health authority by clicking a county name at the following link: <u>Local Public Health Authority Directory</u>.
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is starting to convene weekly calls with community partners regarding the <u>statewide response to the global coronavirus outbreak</u>.
 Beginning on March 4th calls will be held every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, and will focus on hearing from community partners about needs, concerns, and solutions related to COVID-19, and providing support and guidance on needs/concerns. The callin information follows:

Dial In: 1-877-402-9753Participant Code: 1439464#

Webinars taking place this week:

- The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention is hosting a webinar on Thursday, March 5 at 11 a.m. PST, entitled, "What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19 in the United States." Here is the call information.
- The American Health Care Association is hosting a long-term care provider webinar on Tuesday, March 3 at 1 p.m. PST, and all long-term care providers are invited to participate. You can join the webinar using this link.

Other Resources:

- CDC Information on Coronavirus Disease 2019
- World Health Organization Coronavirus Disease Outbreak
- CDC Information for Healthcare Professionals
- National LeadingAge Articles:
 - <u>Coronavirus: The Time for Calm Preparedness is Now</u> contains answers to many questions and an array of resources from the CDC, WHO and others to help you prepare.
 - By the Numbers: A Coronavirus Wake Up Call contains the emerging predictions of just how severe the virus could be for the people we serve – and recommendations for partnering with healthcare providers.
 - Special Guidance for Affordable Housing Providers contains some tips for LeadingAge affordable housing members to help prepare communities, residents, and staff.

Additional resources and information can be found at the <u>LeadingAge</u> and <u>LeadingAge Oregon</u> websites, which will be updated frequently as new information becomes available.