



**CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:
Stay Home Order, Housing Guidance, Background Checks, Return to Work, ADS
Info, NF Ventilator Rate
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STATE NEWS

Governor Brown Issues Stay Home, Save Lives Order

Today, Governor Brown issued [Executive Order 20-12](#) directing everyone in Oregon to stay at home to the maximum extent possible and adding to the list of businesses that will be temporarily closed to stem the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon. The order is effective immediately and remains in effect until ended by the Governor. See [Press Release](#).

APD Provider Alert Issued on COVID-19 Implementation Guide

On Friday, APD released a provider alert to all nursing and community based care providers on reviewing the Implementation Guide to limit exposure to COVID-19 and including a screening assessment and signage.

- [COVID-19 Implementation Guide. Screening Assessment](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Assessment](#)
- [COVID-19 Signage](#)
- [PROVIDER ALERT: COVID-19 Implementation Guide dated 03.18-20.](#)

APD Amends Rule to Increase Nursing Facility Ventilator Rate

Today, APD issued a revised rule, [OAR 411-070](#), for nursing facilities increasing the rate for the provision of ventilator care from 200% of the basic rate to 235% of the basic rate.

Relief on Background Checks

LeadingAge Oregon has been told there will be communication coming from the state providing some relief on background checks. We've been told it was approved to suspend fingerprint requirements until fingerprint providers begin offering services again and that providers will be allowed to hire on a preliminary basis while the background check is being conducted. Stay tuned for formal notification from the state.

Follow CDC Guidance on Return to Work

APD is directing providers to follow the [CDC Return to Work Guidance for Healthcare Personnel](#). Per Jack Honey, SOQ Administrator: "As the situation rapidly changes, recommendations may be updated very frequently, so we encourage providers to regularly review OHA and CDC information, and to carefully read every Provider Alert issued by the Department."

If an employee is suspected for COVID-19, meaning they have received testing through the Health Authority and are pending results, the employee should remain out of the facility until an official

negative test result from the testing site is provided. If the case is confirmed, then the CDC recommended return to work criteria for healthcare providers with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should be followed.

Additional Information for Suspended Adult Day Services Programs

Yesterday, LeadingAge Oregon communicated with APD about granting staff of suspended Adult Day Services Program to provide home care to at risk clients. Today, Mike McCormick, Interim APD Director, said look for our announcement tomorrow. As noted below, yesterday CMS provided guidance to the states on how to expand home care services.

RESOURCES & TOOLS

LeadingAge National continues to add new and helpful resources. Be sure to check the LeadingAge national website for these and more resources as well as recordings of daily update calls. <https://leadingage.org/coronavirus-resources> . This week, LeadingAge will share the very latest with members twice daily. Morning updates go out via email, and they're posting recorded updates each afternoon. (Listen to recordings from [Saturday](#) and [Sunday](#) now.) Listen to today's recording [here](#).

Practical Tools for Staff Conversations. In an effort to help leaders inspire and motivate their teams, our colleagues from LeadingAge North Carolina shared a few short excerpts or tools that you can use each day for check-ins. See the full list of ideas [here](#).

LiveWell posts regular resources for use with staff. See the [LiveWell COVID-19](#) webpage where you will find a new Huddle Guide for daily staff huddles, some tips about stress reduction, and the compliment card template that you can use for your team.

NATIONAL NEWS

Guidance for HUD Housing and Independent Housing

See the latest on resources for Federally Assisted Housing and Supportive Housing:

- [HUD Official: Let's All Get Through this Together](#)
- [CDC Issues COVID-19 Guidance for Federally-Assisted Housing](#)
- [Interim Guidance from CDC for Independent Housing with Support Services for Older Adults with Low and Moderate Incomes](#)
- [CSH Guidance for Supportive Housing Provider](#)

Contact Congress

Congress hasn't yet passed a new coronavirus stimulus bill. This legislation must include strong support for aging services providers. [Urge Congress](#) to include LeadingAge priority provisions in this bill today.

CMS Guidance to States for Expansion of Home Care

Yesterday, CMS issued guidance, mostly aimed at state agencies, on how to expand home care/personal care/respite services, and also announced [Relief Around Quality Reporting Programs](#). LeadingAge will offer additional perspective on each as needed.