



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
Oregon Re-Opening, OHA Testing Guidance, KN95 Restriction
May 11, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Reopening Oregon Framework

As Oregon moves toward reopening certain sectors of the economy and regions of the state, there is a framework which has been established to help make the move cautious and thoughtful. See the attached documents from the Oregon Health Authority and the Governor's recent press conference.

- [Reopening Oregon Framework Presentation – May 7, 2020](#)
- [Phase 1 Prerequisites](#)
- [Three Signs to See](#)
- [Testing to Reopen](#)
- [Plan to Stop the Spread](#)

STATE NEWS

Updated OHA COVID-19 Testing Guidance

In updated Oregon Health Authority (OHA) testing guidance dated May 5, OHA states it does not recommend COVID-19 screening of asymptomatic people, including health care and other essential workers. The guidance further states that in general, testing people without COVID-19 symptoms is not useful because the sensitivity of molecular testing in asymptomatic people is low; and therefore a negative result does not significantly increase confidence that a person is not infected. See the full notice [here](#).

OHA News Release: FDA Guidance Restricts Use of KN95 Respirators

Following a federal decision to restrict the use of KN95-style respirators for medical use in the United States, Oregon health and safety officials advise medical professionals to stop using KN95 respirators, in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance.

Under an Emergency Use Authorization, the FDA previously allowed the use of KN95s for U.S. health care workers in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. On Thursday, the FDA revoked that authorization for more than 65 of the 80 authorized manufacturers, citing poor quality. See the full news release [here](#).

PPP loans, EIDL advances, SBA loan subsidies not subject to CAT

The Oregon Department of Revenue has determined that certain federal assistance to businesses under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is not commercial activity under Oregon statute and will not be subject to the Corporate Activity Tax. The exempt assistance includes forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) emergency advances, and Small Business Administration (SBA) loan subsidies. [Read the news release](#).

RESOURCES

Educational Opportunities

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

- **Navigating MDS 3.0: RAI Training for Nursing Facility Staff**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26, 28 and June 2, 4 and 9, 2020
 - 10:00 am – 12:30
 - See more [here](#) and register [here](#)
- **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

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NATIONAL NEWS

CDC NHSN Enrollment and Reporting Information

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) LTCF COVID-19 Module has additional Q&A sessions available Tuesday and Thursday this week. [See here](#) for the link to the Q & A Zoom meetings as well as the slide decks for the training provided last week.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has posted [updated FAQs](#) providing answers regarding the Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act. The Employee Retention Credit encourages businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.