



MEMBER BRIEFING: July 24, 2020

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Testing for Long Term Care Facilities

Thank you to so many members that participated in today's webinar with Mike McCormick, APD Interim Director and Jack Honey, Administrator of Safety, Oversight and Quality and other APD team members on the [LTC Testing Rule OAR 411-060](#). The webinar included a robust exchange of questions and answers, as well as several questions that APD indicated they would further discuss and get back to providers on. APD indicated they would be developing a Frequently Asked Questions/Answers and committed to developing the prescreening risk-based assessment for readmission. The last portion of the webinar included a multitude of questions pertaining to OHA's PPE recommendations that went out earlier in the week. Obtain a recording of the webinar here: [Recording of LeadingAge Oregon LTC Testing Webinar with APD-July 24, 2020](#). *(Fast forward 7 minutes to access the actual start of the presentation.)*

OHA Recommends Masks & Eye Protection for LTC Staff

This week the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) issued an updated recommendation that all LTC Facility staff wear both masks and eye protection upon facility entry for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendation was prompted by the recent increase in case numbers causing an increase in the likelihood that COVID-19 will be unknowingly brought into LTC facilities. DHS distributed the recommendation via [Administrator Alert NF-20-101](#). **The Alert also contains information about potential suppliers that can be found [here](#).** As noted above, there are a tremendous amount of questions concerning the updated PPE transmittal. At the conclusion of today's testing webinar, it became very clear that more discussion and guidance on what is expected in terms of PPE is necessary. LeadingAge Oregon will be following up with APD.

STATE NEWS

Oregon Care Partners Offering Free Online Infection Control Training

This Wednesday, Safety, Oversight and Quality (SOQ) sent an Administrator Alert to all Assisted Living and Residential Care Administrators informing them of free online infection control training being offered through Care Partners. The training is specific to infection prevention and is to help licensees and caregivers understand what they need to know to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The training is free, self-paced and should take an hour or less to complete. Obtain the full Alert [here](#).

Adult Day Services Sustainability Payments Extended through August

Adult and People with Disabilities informed Adult Day Services providers that the executive order to suspend operations and the provision of sustainability payments would continue through August 31, 2020. Acknowledging the tremendous effort of ADS providers during these challenging times, APD indicated they would be providing a reopening proposal to all ADS providers as soon as conditions allow.

DHS & OHA Seek Testing Contractors for LTC

DHS and OHA issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for applicants that can perform specimen collection and diagnostic testing for COVID-19 infection as part of their efforts to test all LTC facility staff and offer testing to all residents by September 30, 2020. Although the closing date for the RFA is July 31, 2021, OHA plans to enter into contracts with approved applicants as soon as possible and on an ongoing basis to meet multiple testing service needs throughout the duration of the pandemic. The RFA, including application requirements and attachments, can be accessed and downloaded from the ORPIN website, <http://orpin.oregon.gov/open.dll/welcome>, specifically from ORPIN Opportunity #OHA-5050-20.

NATIONAL NEWS

HUD Publishes CARES Act Funding Form and Questions

Today, HUD published the final version of the [application form](#) for housing providers to request [COVID-19 Supplemental Payments \(CSPs\)](#) approved by the CARES Act. The application form includes two tiers of funding: One standard tier for costs incurred for COVID-19 expenses, and a second tier for exceptional expenses resulting from COVID-19 outbreaks. The form must be sent to HUD electronically by midnight on August 5th, and the expenses must have been incurred between March 27th and July 31st. To answer outstanding questions from members about the funding process, HUD staff will join the Housing Advisory Group call on Monday, July 27th, at 9:30am PST. Email jbilowich@leadingage.org to join.