

LeadingAge Need to Know: COVID-19 – September 18, 2020

We are sharing the very latest with members with weekday morning email updates and [live online updates](#) Mondays and Wednesdays. Visit the [main coronavirus page](#) anytime.

Following are the latest news and resources.

Today's Two COVID-19 Webinars

Join Seema Verma and Brad Smith for a CMS National Stakeholder Call today from 1:30–2:00 pm ET. We think it's likely the call will cover the new nursing home visitation guidance announced Thursday evening. Call in at 833-614-0820; Conference ID: 7799256. Conference lines are limited, so you may want to [join via webcast](#).

Also today, assisted living facilities receiving Abbott BinaxNOW™ tests from HHS can join a webinar from 12:00-1:00 p.m. ET. The agenda will include a walk through the manufacturer's training, introduction to the product, and discussion of use in assisted living facilities. Abbott also will demonstrate the training tools available and representatives from the U.S. government will be online to speak about the program. [Register here](#).

Join Us for a National Day of Action Next Wednesday

With negotiations stalled on the next coronavirus relief package, we need Congress to act for older adults before they leave Washington, D.C. The "[Act For Older Adults](#)" campaign is rallying Americans from all walks of life to add their voice to ours. Join us next Wednesday, September 23 for a National Day of Action for aging services providers. Stay tuned for more information and look for an Action Alert email next Wednesday that will make it easy for you, your staff, and residents to send emails or make phone calls asking for essential relief for aging services providers.

New QuickCast on Dementia in Daily Living

The LeadingAge Knowledge Center continues to add new content to help you navigate the COVID-19 crisis. In [Dementia in Daily Living: A Review of Post-COVID Practices](#), Dee Pekruhn provides an overview of post-COVID considerations for supporting people with dementia in assisted living and other settings, including infection control, meals, and visitors. Access this and other related content on the [Learning Hub](#).

New Insights and Tools From LeadingAge

LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential advocacy, guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers, including "[False Positive" Tests – Discordance Between Antigen and PCR Tests: Update](#)" and [Coronavirus Commission Report Released](#). A [complete timeline of insights, tools, and useful links is available here](#), so you'll never miss an update.

Do You Have a Voting Plan?

This is a major election year and the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that voters can access the polls. It is imperative that aging services providers consider the changes that are happening this year and help to overcome obstacles that may exist for older adults to access a polling place or obtain and submit a mail-in ballot. LeadingAge has developed a "[What's Your Voting Plan](#)" toolkit that provides an easy-to-use self-assessment for both aging services providers and older adults to develop a plan to vote in this year's election. We've also developed an online [Civic Action Center](#) that will provide accurate and reliable information about voting and the upcoming election. Questions? Contact [Joe Franco](#).

Register for the Annual Meeting Virtual Experience

This year's program has been designed to address the current realities facing our field—and the action required to respond to the unprecedented future ahead of us. Our featured speakers, keynote presentations, and sessions will focus on resilience, resolve, and reimagining the future of our field. [View the program](#) and [register today](#).

Questions? Ask LeadingAge National, Your State Association, or Each Other

There are many ways to get help during this crisis. Contact LeadingAge's national team directly or email us at covid@leadingage.org. If you have questions about local and state issues, [contact your state association](#). Join the MyLeadingAge Member Community [COVID-19 group](#) to ask questions, access resources, and share best practices for dealing with the coronavirus.