LeadingAge Need to Know: COVID-19 – August 5, 2020

We are sharing the very latest with members with weekday morning email updates and [live online updates](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1365743381042881035) Mondays and Wednesdays. Visit the [main coronavirus page](https://leadingage.org/covid19) anytime.

**Following are the latest coronavirus news and resources.**

**COVID-19 Hospice Respite Care Relief Act Introduced**LeadingAge and VNAA/ElevatingHOME worked closely with Senator Brown (D-OH) and Senator Capito (R-WV) to develop the COVID-19 Hospice Respite Care Relief Act of 2020, which was introduced on Tuesday. We heard from a number of members about ways in which flexibility in respite care could help patients and families during the COVID-19 emergency and in future emergencies—and fought hard on the Hill to make it happen. The hospice benefit allows for access to short term, inpatient respite care services for when the patient’s usual caregiver needs a break. Read [more about the law](https://www.leadingage.org/legislation/covid-19-hospice-respite-care-relief-act-introduced) and check out [our press release](https://www.leadingage.org/statement-leadingage-introduction-covid-19-hospice-respite-care-relief-act-2020). We look forward to working with Congress to get it passed into law.

**Register for Tomorrow’s COVID-19 and Your Workforce Webinar**The pandemic has created new legal challenges for aging services employers. In the COVID-19 Employment Law Update: Reopening the Workplace webinar, Daniel Burke and Lyndsey Barnett will review the latest in employment and benefits guidance for continuing to operate during COVID-19. [Register to join us on TOMORROW at 2-3 p.m. ET](https://learninghub.leadingage.org/courses/covid-19-employment-law-update).

**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 [New & Extended Provider Relief Fund Opportunities](https://leadingage.org/regulation/new-extended-provider-relief-fund-opportunities). A [complete timeline of insights, tools, and useful links is available here](https://www.leadingage.org/coronavirus-insights-tools-links-archive), so you’ll never miss an update.

**Advance Care Planning and Serious Illness Communication**In the face of COVID-19, advance care planning is more important than ever. We’ve gathered materials and resources to help you have conversations with residents and clients who are high risk for serious complications of COVID-19. Visit the [Advance Care and Serious Illness Resources](https://www.leadingage.org/advance-care-and-serious-illness-resources) page for trusted resources offering tools, tips, advice, and best practices.

**Don’t Forget: the Aging Services Career Center Is Still Free!**Have you posted your open jobs on the [LeadingAge Aging Services Career Center](https://careers.leadingage.org/)? Your fellow members have posted new jobs for FREE in recent weeks. LeadingAge is partnering with major national employers to connect displaced workers from fields such as dining, retail, and hospitality with available jobs in aging services. [Learn more about how to post your jobs now](https://leadingage.org/leadingage-covid-19-workforce-partnerships).

**Are You Using the Basic Aide Training?**LeadingAge’s [Basic Care Aide Skill Competency Training Tool](https://learninghub.leadingage.org/courses/basic-care-aide-skill-competency) is still available to help you maximize your workforce and maintain quality standards. Developed by EduCare©, the program provides a foundation for the skills of the Basic Care Aide in a variety of settings. The training tool is FREE to members and is [available now on the Learning Hub](https://learninghub.leadingage.org/courses/basic-care-aide-skill-competency).

**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](mailto:covid@leadingage.org). If you have questions about local and state issues, [contact your state association](https://www.leadingage.org/state-partners). Join the MyLeadingAge Member Community [COVID-19](https://community.leadingage.org/SiteLogin?) group to ask questions, access resources, and share best practices for dealing with the coronavirus.