

LeadingAge Need to Know: COVID-19 – August 17, 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.**

### **Collaborative Care & Health IT Summit Early Bird Special**

Don't miss the virtual 2020 Collaborative Care & HIT Summit, September 15-17. [Register today using discount code TSAP2020 to receive \\$75 off your registration](#). The challenges of COVID-19 highlight the need for technologies in aging services, including telehealth and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR). Don't miss a thought-provoking keynote and two special panels on how tech solutions can transform aging and collaborative care:

- Technology Innovation Keynote - The Future of Technology: Implications for Collaborative Care Post COVID-19
- Telehealth Panel - Case Studies from the Trenches
- Federally Supported Interoperability Initiatives Panel: FHIR Accelerator Initiatives

### **LeadingAge States and Members Tell Congress to Get Back to Work**

We held another national-local media event on Friday as part of our Act For Older Adults campaign, telling leaders: "COVID-19 Is Not Taking A Summer Recess—Neither Should You." Katie Smith Sloan, president and CEO of LeadingAge, was joined by state association executives and members from Indiana, Missouri, Montana, and Ohio. Leaders from these states discussed the grim challenges they are facing and called on Congress to take the steps needed to protect millions of older adults from the worst pandemic in a century.

We released a [new fact sheet](#) and [infographic](#) on the immediate need for access and funding for rapid-response testing (both of which you can reuse with local media), as well as new "Situation Reports" on [Indiana](#), [Missouri](#), [Montana](#), and [Ohio](#). You can see a [full release](#) and the [telepresser recording](#), as well as early [coverage from Cleveland, OH](#) and [McKnight's Long Term Care News](#).

### **Today's Coronavirus Online Policy Update**

David Grabowski, Professor of Health Care Policy at the Harvard Medical School, will join us for the online policy update today at 3:30 PM ET. He'll talk about his research and his observations on the impact of the crisis and his thoughts about how nursing homes can weather the coming months. [Register to join us](#).

### **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.

- [Infographic: Nursing Homes Need Access & Funding for Rapid-Response Testing](#)
- [Nursing Homes Need Access and Funding for Rapid-Response Testing](#)
- [Strike Teams Recommendations Tool](#)
- [Senior Housing Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates](#)
- [Nursing Home Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates](#)

A complete [timeline of insights, tools, and useful links](#) is available here, so you'll never miss an update.

### **NEW Webinar: Implications For and Impact on Careers**

Join the [The Global Ageing Network](#), the Heritage Foundation, and BDU Heritage Center for Gerontology tomorrow, August 18, 2020, for a webinar focusing on COVID-19's impact on caregivers. The webinar, moderated by Rosy Pereyra, MD, will include a 60-minute session via ZOOM conference, 3 panelists, and a Q and A. Panel members include:

- Robert Espinoza, PHI, New York City
- Robyn Stone, LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston
- Costis Prouskas, Hellenic Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Greece

To register, [email Shannon Davis](#).

### **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](#). Join the MyLeadingAge Member Community [COVID-19](#) group to ask questions, access resources, and share best practices for dealing with the coronavirus.