

## January 2021



You have relied on LeadingAge throughout the COVID-19 pandemic for insight and advocacy around critical federal policy issues. Join us at a live virtual [2021 Policy Action Forum](#) on **January 27 at 2:00 p.m. ET** to get an inside view of how Washington, DC politics influence progress, as a new Congress and Administration come into power. In addition, hear from LeadingAge leadership about the path for advocacy and policy in the year ahead.

Special guest and health policy expert, Dr. Adaeze Enekwechi, will offer a primer on how politics and progress are shaped by what matters most to people, policymakers, and stakeholders as well as sharing her perspective on what the transition of power in Washington means for our field.



[playbook.leadingage.org](https://playbook.leadingage.org)

LeadingAge members and their dedicated staff have developed critical strategies to navigate during a pandemic. We have gathered and analyzed that collective intelligence for today and the future.

The Pandemic Playbook will guide aging services providers in preparing for and mitigating the impact of this and any future pandemic-like event by applying lessons learned this year. This interactive, web-based tool is filled with a curated set of successful strategies, links, videos, images, podcasts, and resources from across the field.

Playbook users can explore topics ranging from management and workforce issues to infection control and the importance of physical/psychological wellness of staff and residents. For ease of use, there is a Search function to expedite topic-specific research.

For additional information, please contact Nancy Hooks at [nhooks@leadingage.org](mailto:nhooks@leadingage.org).

## COVID-19 Member Calls – Now on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

As the pandemic continues to evolve, we are mindful that your organizational priorities are evolving as well. As of this month, we are expanding member update calls to Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 pm EST.

[Register here](#) to join us for legislative, regulatory, and operational information from the policy team, LeadingAge members, and other subject matter experts. Need to miss a session? The podcast series, [LeadingAge Coronavirus Spotlights](#), features the guest presentations from the live daily online updates.

## LeadingAge Members-Only Nursing Home Testing Toolkit

The first in a new series of toolkits developed with Pathway Health is available exclusively to members of LeadingAge. The Testing Toolkit has 13 sections focusing on testing policies, learning and leadership, competencies, pre- and post-testing, outbreak investigation, swabbing collection, and billing.

These [COVID-19 Nursing Home Toolkits and Resources](#) are for LeadingAge members only, and can be adapted as appropriate to reference relevant state laws or regulations.

## Toolkit for HUD Section 202 Providers in the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program

Many HUD Section 202 communities are participating in the CDC's Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program, which aims to facilitate safe and efficient on-site COVID-19 vaccination clinics at certain long term care communities, including Section 202 communities. Through this program, staff and residents will have an opportunity to get vaccinated on site. Go to:

[https://leadingage.org/sites/default/files/Vaccine%20Toolkit%20Affordable%20Housing\\_0.pdf](https://leadingage.org/sites/default/files/Vaccine%20Toolkit%20Affordable%20Housing_0.pdf)

## New, Strategic Consulting Services for LeadingAge Members

LeadingAge Consulting offers members access to deeper levels of direct support through strategic consulting and technical assistance engagements with the help of a team of trusted and reliable specialists. The first partner in the consulting program is ATI Advisory, a research and advisory services firm working to transform the delivery of health care and aging services for older adults. They help provider organizations like LeadingAge members to evaluate market opportunities and assess options for developing new partnerships, capabilities, and risk-arrangements. Learn more about [LeadingAge Consulting](#) and [working with ATI](#).

## LTSS Center COVID-19 Research Summaries

The LeadingAge LTSS Center @UMass Boston is sharing research studies and research-based articles focusing on how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting older adults and the people who care for them. Check out our [brief summaries of the latest data and analysis](#), including these recently posted articles:

- [Reimagining Nursing Homes in the Wake of COVID-19](#)

- [Stemming the Tide of COVID-19 Infections in Massachusetts Nursing Homes](#)
- [A Post-COVID Aging Agenda](#)

## LeadingAge Annual Meeting 2021 Call for Sessions is Now Open

Do you have an idea for a session that should be part of next year's Annual Meeting? Submit your ideas for consideration through our [online call for sessions form](#). This year, an organization can submit a maximum of one proposal and the submission deadline is January 25, 2021. [Learn more](#) and [submit your proposal](#) today.

## New Insights and Tools from LeadingAge

LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential advocacy, guidance/tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers on COVID-19 and beyond, including:

- [An Hour with Walgreen's Vaccine Distribution Program – LeadingAge Webinar Summary](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics: Members' Insights from Week One](#)
- [FAQs and Resources on COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccinations](#)
- [LeadingAge Submits Concerns, Recommendations for Housing Credit Average Income Test](#)
- [Toolkit for HUD Section 202 Providers in the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program](#)

A complete [timeline of insights, tools, and useful COVID-19 links](#) is available here, so you'll never miss an update.

## The Mentor's Voice Podcast

[The Mentor's Voice](#) provides students and young professionals an opportunity to candidly learn from leaders in the field of aging. The goal is to disseminate wisdom and knowledge to emerging leaders and to inspire and inform their career journey. The Mentor's Voice is brought to you by LeadingAge and supported by Markentum. We encourage you to share this with new staff, interns, and students.