



**CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:
OEM PPE Distribution, New Resources, CMS Transfers
April 14, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

LeadingAge Oregon Weekly COVID-19 Friday 3:30 Call

Be sure to join us on Friday for our weekly LeadingAge Oregon COVID-19 check-in call. This week Steve Hopkins, facilitator of our Leadership Academy, will join us to talk about leadership in challenging times. Steve spent several years as COO of Evangelical Homes of Michigan (a multi-site organization) before starting [Jordan River Group](#), a leadership training and coaching organization. We will also take time to hear from those on the call, please be sure to bring your questions and ideas to share about anything COVID-19 related. See you on Friday!

<https://zoom.us/j/213203707>

Dial in 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID: 213 203 707

STATE NEWS

Virtual Ageless Award Luncheon on April 23

Tickets are free but you must register to receive your link to attend the virtual event held 11:30 – 12:15 on April 23. . For further information about the honorees, please visit the dedicated [Ageless Award Luncheon Page](#). [Click here](#) to register for the event. Age+ would love to have everyone attend and learn about these amazing people. In these difficult and uncertain times these wonderful people remind us what an asset older people are in our communities.

Oregon Office of Emergency Management & PPE

Earlier today we asked licensed senior care living communities whether they had an adequate supply of PPE because of the intent of [Oregon's Emergency Coordinator Center](#) (ECC) under the [Oregon Office of Emergency Management](#) (OEM) to allocate boxes of PPE to those who do not. We will keep you posted on timeline and specifics.

In response to Governor Brown's COVID-19 Executive Order a few weeks ago, the OEM mobilized the ECC to coordinate and support state and local recovery efforts. The ECC is collaborating with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and its Agency Operations Center (AOC). OHA serves as the lead agency for public health response efforts and the ECC is focused on minimizing any disruption to critical services in Oregon. See the following links for more information about OEM/ECC:

- [OEM COVID-19 Response](#)
- [OEM Daily Update](#)
- [Local Emergency Management Office Contact Information](#)
- [PPE Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Push Based PPE Allocation Plan](#)

RESOURCES & TOOLS

PPE Resource

MedicalPros LLC has reached out to LeadingAge Oregon as a resource for KN95 masks for our members. See the Technical Data Sheet [here](#). For questions please contact Travis.

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Resources for Addressing Senior Loneliness

- [Senior Loneliness Line](#) – This is a partnership between Lines for Life and the Oregon Health Authority. This program promotes mental wellness. There is a team of staff and volunteers specially trained in working with older adults who experience loneliness, isolation, depression and anxiety.
- [Comagine Health Half Hour Hot Topic Webinar](#) – Friday, April 17, 2020, 11:30 – Noon *Care Planning for Suicidal Threats, Self-Harming Behaviors & Other Urgent Behavioral Health Concerns* - presented by Janet Holboke, MSW, LCSW, Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (GOBHI)
- [Pioneer Network](#) – **ABCs of Combating Isolation** – These are shared resources from fellow Pioneers to engage and connect residents and elders with their family, friends and communities as we navigate this changing world.

See the full Provider Alert [here](#).

Templates for Letters to Reach Displaced Workers

LeadingAge national has created several templates you can use to reach local workers from industries hard hit by COVID-19 closures. Feel free to edit them for your own use.

- [Template Letter to Hospitality Organizations](#)
- [Template Letter to Restaurant Organizations](#)
- [Template Letter to Retail Organizations](#)
- [Template Letter to Chambers of Commerce](#)
- [One-Pager on Jobs in our Field](#)
- [Library of Social Media Posts](#)
- [Career Center Web Ads](#)

NATIONAL NEWS

CMS Provides Additional Information for Transfers Based on COVID-19 Status

CMS is providing supplemental information for transferring or discharging residents between facilities for the purpose of cohorting residents based on COVID-19 status (i.e., positive, negative, unknown/under observation).

In general, if two or more certified LTC facilities want to transfer or discharge residents between themselves for the purposes of cohorting, they do not need any additional approval to do so. However, if a certified LTC facility would like to transfer or discharge residents to a non-certified location for the purposes of cohorting, they need approval from the State Agency. Please see [this document](#) which includes both the notice from CMS and “LTC Facility Transfer Scenarios” for a depiction and explanation of these scenarios.