



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
LTC Testing Plan, SBA EIDL, Legislative Special Session
June 16, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Oregon Health Authority Releases Testing Plan for LTC Facilities

Oregon Health Authority released a statewide testing plan to ensure that all residents and staff at all long term care (LTC) facilities are tested by September 30, 2020, starting on June 24. Within 1 month of completing this baseline testing, facilities will need to initiate an on-going testing strategy that includes mandatory testing of 25% of staff every 7 days so the 100% are tested each month throughout the duration of the pandemic. Each facility will be required by rule to develop their COVID-19 testing plan in partnership with OHA, DHS and their local health department.

DHS is to survey facilities to determine current testing capacity and needs. DHS will work with OHA and facilities to develop a testing schedule for all facilities based on risk of COVID outbreaks. Based on data collected to date, DHS and OHA recommend prioritized testing begin with nursing facilities in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Polk counties and ending with assisted living/residential care facilities in other parts of the state. DHS is developing rules to help reimburse providers with costs of the testing. **LeadingAge Oregon is working on setting up a member webinar on these new requirements with Mike McCormick, APD Interim Director, within the next few days.** For more information see:

- [OHA COVID-19 LTC Facilities Testing Plan Press Release, June 15, 2020](#)
- [LTC Facility Testing Plan FAQ - Updated, June 15, 2020](#)
- [LTC Facility Testing Plan - OHA, June 12, 2020](#)

LeadingAge Oregon Ageless Art Show Will be an Online Event

Due to COVID-19 our Ageless Art Show will be an online event this year. This will ensure that residents can still take part while keeping everyone safe. Since it will be difficult to judge the amazing work from photos, we will not be judging this year, we will however still have an online video of all the art submitted. Entry forms are available [here](#). The entry deadline is **August 10, 2020**.

Wage Survey

The LeadingAge Oregon annual Wage Survey has gone out. Those who complete the survey will receive the raw data as well as averages in each category. Participating communities will not be identified in the report. Access the 2020 Wage Survey [here](#).

STATE NEWS

Governor Brown Calls for a Special Session Beginning Next Week

Today, Governor Kate Brown called for a special session of the Legislature starting next Wednesday, June 24th to address the COVID-19 pandemic and police accountability reforms. Brown said she expects to call a second special session later this summer to rebalance the state's budget that has a projected revenue shortfall of \$2.7 billion for the rest of the two-year budget cycle, ending June 30, 2021. She

added that she will continue to press Congress to support state and local governments reeling from the economic downturn to help prevent significant cuts to schools, health care, and senior services.

NATIONAL NEWS

SBA Begins Accepting New Applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) Again

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are able to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance of up to \$10,000. This advance is designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This loan advance will not have to be repaid.

SBA resumed processing EIDL applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 and will be processing those applications on a first-come, first-served basis. On June 15, SBA began accepting new EIDL and EIDL Advance applications from qualified small businesses. Applicants who have already submitted their applications will continue to be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible small businesses may apply for the Loan Advance [here](#). Learn more [here](#).

RESOURCES

Reopening Considerations for Affordable Housing Providers

In this 19-minute QuickCast, Juliana Bilowich from LeadingAge national, reviews reopening guidance from HUD and the CDC, as well as important factors senior housing communities should consider for long-term crisis recovery. View the free resource [here](#).

Complimentary Webinar – Do’s and Don’ts of Employee Appreciation During Tough Times - June 24 at 1:00 pm Appreciation is always vital to your organizational culture and employee engagement, but it is especially so when you are dealing with a crisis. During this session, you’ll learn the common traps that organizations fall into and what you should never do when it comes to sharing meaningful appreciation. We’ll also talk about what you should be doing as a leader to spread hope, positivity, and thanks to team members who are doing so much.

LeadingAge Oregon, Washington, and California are working together to sponsor this complimentary webinar by DRIVE Culture Outcomes. Be sure to register ahead of time, as there are a limited number of spots available. **See the flyer [here](#). Register [here](#).**