



**CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:  
Learning from Lebanon Veterans Home, Oregon Forecasts, Joint Legislative  
Committee, Update Tools & Resources  
March 26, 2020**

**OF SPECIAL NOTE**

**LeadingAge Oregon Member Weekly COVID-19 Update**

Please join us tomorrow afternoon Friday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. for a weekly update call. We look forward to having **Kelly Odegaard, CEO, Westcare Management** who manages the **Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon**, join us on the call. Kelly will share Lebanon's experience, guidance/lessons, and boots on the ground perspective for others to learn from. Plus, he is willing to share the tools they've developed (PPE inventory management spreadsheets, resident testing tracking and others) in their phenomenal response to managing the outbreak.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/213203707>

Call in: 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 213 203 707

**COVID-19 After-hours Phone Line for Safety Oversight and Quality**

During the implementation of COVID-19 guidance and interventions, questions and information requests related to COVID-19, that need an immediate response, can occur after office hours. Safety Oversight and Quality has now established an after-hours line for people to call. This line can be used to report updated information to the Department or to ask questions related to COVID-19 between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm. *(Please only call during these hours)* The phone line to call is: 503-586-9396. See the provider alert [here](#).

**STATE NEWS**

**Joint Legislative Committee on Coronavirus Response Update**

The Joint Legislative Committee on Coronavirus Response has met four times for a total of 18 hours over the past week. The Committee has focused on the immediate needs of Oregonians: Stability for Individuals and Families (90-day plan); Health Care System Needs; and Short-Term Employer Support.

Based on the information shared in the Hearings and input from other legislators the Committee initially drafted a list of 47 potential [issues and/or recommendations](#) to be

considered. The Committee Co-Chairs (Sen. Roblan and Rep. Holvey) and the ranking minority members on the committee (Sen. Boquist and Rep. Stark) are drafting statutory, policy and budget recommendations for the full committee to consider presenting to the Legislature. It is anticipated the Co-Chair's proposal will be available this week.

The Co-Chairs have emphasized the proposals are designed to help Oregonians get through the next 90 days and longer-term recommendations will need to be identified by the committee as their work continues. In the end the work of the committee, the Legislature and the Governor's office will be adjusted to maximize the impact of the Federal Government actions.

### **State Officials Release Oregon's Project COVID-19 Cases Under Difference Scenarios**

The latest models state health officials released today forecast the following outcomes of COVID-19 infections for 3 different scenarios:

- **Return to business as usual:** If Oregon lifted all the social distancing measures state leaders have instituted in recent weeks, there will be an estimated 15,000 cumulative infections by May 8th (within a range of 5,900-26,000). Approximately 1,100 people would need inpatient beds (850 AAC/250 ICU) across Oregon.
- **Maintain bans on large gatherings and indefinite school closures:** There would be an estimated 6,100 cumulative infections by May 8th (within a range of 2,000-12,000) and 340 people will need inpatient beds (260 AAC/80 ICU).
- **Maintain aggressive interventions put into place on Monday, March 23rd (i.e., Stay Home, Save Lives) with high public adherence:** There will be an estimated 1,000 (within a possible range of 700-3,800) cumulative infections by May 8th. Under this scenario, hospitals would have to boost capacity by a smaller number of beds.

## **RESOURCES & TOOLS**

### **LeadingAge National Coronavirus Daily Member Update: LIVE ONLINE**

7 days/week through April 26 at 12:30 p.m. daily (PT) [Register for the entire series here.](#)

After you register, you will receive an email confirmation with your unique weblink, which you can use every day. There will be no telephone option.

### **PPE Benchmark Tool**

The CDC released a [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Burn Rate Calculator \[cdc.gov\]](#) yesterday. You are encouraged to start using the calculator to gauge your PPE use compared against the benchmark or expected burn rate. The website tells you about the spreadsheet with specific instructions listed as well. Given the extremely limited supply of PPE, all healthcare providers need to understand where they may have opportunities to conserve and optimize PPE use. If you aren't currently using large amounts of PPE, you are still encouraged to track your PPE supply using this spreadsheet. ***And, if your PPE supply isn't currently secured/locked, limiting the number of staff having access to it, please take those steps now. (This is being said due to the experience of providers who supplies have been stolen.)***

### **PPE Competency Checklist**

In response to a member inquiry, Pacific Retirement Services has shared the tool they use for putting on or removing PPE (masks, gowns). Obtain the [Competency Checklist for PPE](#)

### **Value First PPE Suppliers**

As the PPE supply shortage has escalated, Value First has been actively researching and vetting alternative suppliers to supply critical PPE products. Interested members can [take this short survey](#) to help Value First determine interest in an order of PPE.

### **Independent Living COVID-19 Move-in Considerations plus Q&A**

Lane Powell provided an update on move-in considerations for independent living providers about COVID-19. Obtain the [update](#).

**LeadingAge Oregon** has assembled a contact list of **vendors** with products useful during the COVID-19 outbreak. [See the list here](#). The page will continue to be updated as we become aware of additional resources.

**LeadingAge national** is curating offers from businesses wanting to help members get through the coronavirus crisis. Available [offers are posted on our website](#) now and will be updated regularly.

**Pathway Health** developed a full set of complimentary COVID-19 resources for your use, including policies and procedures, leadership checklists, preparation and response strategies. [DOWNLOAD NOW](#).

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

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**Department of Labor National Online Dialogue.** The Department of Labor issued a [news release](#) today announcing a National Online Dialogue between now and March 29 for employers and workers to help “shape the development” of DOL’s compliance assistance materials and outreach strategies related to the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Here’s the link to [register to participate](#).

**LeadingAge** staff experts are developing essential guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers. Here are some of the most recent additions:

- [CMS Hosts National Nursing Homes Call](#)
- [Up In The Air: How Coronavirus Lives in the Air and On Surfaces](#)
- [Template Letter Regarding Foreclosure Relief](#)

**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 [brief summaries of the latest data and analysis](#), including:

- [Protecting Home Care Aides During the Pandemic](#)
- [Fighting COVID-19 Requires a Strong Workforce](#)
- [Study: How Long Does Coronavirus Stay Viable?](#)