



**MEMBER BRIEFING:
APD Reopening Expectations, NF Incentive Pay
May 18, 2020**

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Complimentary Webinar: Engagement Technology – Now More than Ever

The COVID-19 crisis has brought to the forefront of senior living the importance of staying connected, and the consequences of being isolated. This webinar will show attendees how technology can help keep residents and families connected in the midst of the crisis (and beyond). You will see a myriad of resources, many of them free, that will help you use technology to keep the connections alive and blossoming. The session is 100% designed for non-technical individuals, and you will walk away with multiple ideas and solutions for your own setting. You will find new resources to utilize, and stories of inspiration you can emulate. Join LeadingAge Oregon, Washington and California together with Jack York, founder of It's Never 2 Late (IN2L) for this complimentary webinar.

Date: Thursday, May 28

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Register [Here](#)

STATE NEWS

Facemask Policy

The Safety, Oversight and Quality (SOQ) office of DHS has updated the guidelines for employee face mask use. *For the duration of this state of emergency, all staff of assisted living, residential care and memory care facilities must use face masks while in the facility. Staff who are providing direct care to residents must wear medical face masks while providing direct care.* See the full Administrator Alert [here](#).

APD Communicates Reopening Expectations

On Friday, Mike McCormick, Interim Director of Adult and People with Disabilities, communicated with stakeholders on what they should expect from APD concerning policies currently in effect during the reopening of 31 counties with [Governor Kate Brown's Phase 1 plan](#). He indicated that APD will not change how APD offices are currently operating in any county and will continue to ask people to call rather than visit APD offices, when possible. He further indicated that all APD COVID-19 policy changes will remain in effect, including, but not limited to:

- Visitation restrictions in long-term care facilities of all types: nursing, assisted living, residential care and adult foster homes.
- Requirements that licensed long-term care facilities report all suspected and confirmed resident and staff COVID-19 cases to APD and their local public health agency.

- Temporary restrictions on congregate meal sites, which are providing take-home meals instead and meal delivery to doorsteps.
- Closure of adult day care sites.
- Limits on face-to-face meetings.

McCormick acknowledged that the policies create hardships but stressed their importance in saving lives and expressed APD's support and sacrifice to stakeholders.

Incentive Payment to Nursing Facilities with COVID-19 Worker Protection Policies

The Legislature authorized DHS to pay nursing facilities a one-time incentive payment equal to 2.5% of Medicaid revenue for the months of May-July 2020 if the facility:

- Provides increased paid time off for workers who become sick,
- Does not fire workers for calling out sick or because of having to stay home due to COVID, and
- Provides enhanced compensation to frontline caregivers at risk of exposure to COVID-19.

The Department is drafting administrative rules to implement the incentive program and will engage with nursing facility providers and labor representatives in finalizing the specific provisions. It is anticipated that eligibility for the incentive payments will be opened in early August. See [Incentive Payment Announcement Letter](#).

NATIONAL NEWS

HUD Updates Tenant Concerns COVID-19 Brochure

HUD updated their brochure addressing tenant concerns during the COVID-19 crisis. Property owners are encouraged to post the brochure and appropriate Project Based Contract Administrator information to help tenants understand how to adjust their rent in the event of lost income and to reduce the risk of rent loss for owners. Access the [updated brochure](#).

Free Basic Care Aide Skill Competency Training Tool

LeadingAge is offering their new [Basic Care Aide Skill Competency Training Tool](#) FREE to members which is [available on the Learning Hub](#). The new, free, 9-hour training will help members to redeploy current staff, and train displaced workers and others new to our field. Developed by EduCare®, this new program is designed specifically for the Basic Care Aide role and provides a foundation for the skills for a variety of settings.

Resident/Family Member Communication Survey

Researchers at the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University are conducting an IRB-approved survey for family members of nursing home and assisted living residents. The goal of the survey is to learn how the facilities are communicating with the families, how families are staying in touch with their residents and their overall perspective on how things are going. The survey takes about 5 minutes unless they have a lot to say on some of the open-ended items. Your assistance in completing and sharing the survey would be most appreciated.

The link to the survey is here: <http://bit.ly/Scripps-COVID19-LTCFamilySurvey>

RESOURCES

Educational Opportunities

LeadingAge Oregon and instructor Demi Haffenreffer have converted the in-person classes we typically offer to webinar-based instruction. Following are the upcoming classes.

- **Navigating MDS 3.0: RAI Training for Nursing Facility Staff**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26, 28 and June 2, 4 and 9, 2020
 - 10:00 am – 12:30
 - See more [here](#) and register [here](#)
- **Nursing Practice in Community-Based Care: A Training for Nurses in ALFs, RCFs, and Memory Care**
 - Tuesday, June 16 – Thursday, June 18, 2020
 - 9:00 am – 1:00 each day
 - See more [here](#) and register [here](#)