



MEMBER BRIEFING: September 15, 2020

OF SPECIAL NOTE

TIME SENSITIVE: Update and Feedback Requested on Nursing Home Point-of-Care Antigen Testing

Due to some reports from providers with concerns over possible false positive POC antigen test results tied primarily to the BD machine, national LeadingAge and AHCA are jointly asking nursing homes to complete a short survey on their antigen POC testing results. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and will close **by midnight, today, September 15th**. Members can email concerns over the use of the BD POC tests to: Technical_Services@bd.com. BD also offers a [microsite](#) and [training webinars](#), which members are encouraged to review if they are having concerns with accuracy to make sure they are properly following all instructions.

STATE NEWS

SOQ Issues Guidance for Evacuation Returns

Safety Oversight and Quality (SOQ) issued provider alert [NF-20-122](#) providing guidance for facilities returning from evacuation due to the wildfires. Facilities in Level 2 evacuation zones should receive approval from their [county emergency manager](#) prior to moving back into their facilities to make sure it is safe to return. SOQ recommends that facilities consider all evacuated residents potentially exposed and use conservative infection control strategies that facilities have been implemented during this pandemic to limit the spread of COVID-19. See the [full alert](#) for the specific measures to be followed for evacuated residents returning to their home facilities.

SOQ Provides Wildfire Cleanup Information

Safety Oversight and Quality (SOQ) issued provider alert [NF-20-123](#) providing information on cleaning up from the wildfires. See the [full alert](#) for precautions to take when cleaning up wildfire ashes, real time updates related to air quality in your area (see: [Air pollution in Oregon](#)) and other resources on cleaning up after a fire.

COVID-19 Webinar for LTC Providers Held Tomorrow by County Public Health

Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County Public Health are hosting weekly COVID-19 webinars for long term care facilities, adult foster homes, and other group living facilities. Join this week's webinar **tomorrow at 3pm** using the following Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88322348318> - Meeting ID: 883 2234 8318

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NATIONAL NEWS

BD Veritor Training Session for LeadingAge nursing home members; Friday, September 18 at 12:00 Pacific. LeadingAge has arranged an exclusive training on the BD Veritor System with BD this Friday at noon. This free training will provide key information on: (1) Rapid antigen testing for COVID-19; (2) How the BD Veritor Plus System works; and (3) Key information on how to get support from BD on test results and accuracy. There will be a demonstration from BD staff and then a live Q and A session for members. The second part of the training will be with LeadingAge staff and cover Infection Control and other key topics. LeadingAge members and state partners may register for the training at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8909746650265252622>

Proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation (MFAR) Withdrawn

CMS announced yesterday afternoon that they [will not move forward with the proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation \(MFAR\)](#). If finalized, MFAR would have jeopardized key nursing home financing policies, including life plan community provider tax exemptions and nursing home supplemental payment programs. LeadingAge strongly opposed the proposal and worked closely with our state partners and members to urge CMS to withdraw MFAR.

LeadingAge Oregon

LeadingAge Oregon Virtual Conference Pre-conference Session: A Recipe for Resilient Leadership

Thursday, October 1 of our Virtual Conference will feature a pre-conference session with the leadership team at RiverSpring Health, one of the most innovative senior healthcare organizations in the country, well known for its Hebrew Home at Riverdale long-term care organization. Faced with COVID, Hurricane Sandy, and many other challenges over the years, this team has remained resilient, leading the way to reimagine care and services delivery through innovation, ingenuity...and humor. You will hear from the organization's leaders who will share insights and their strategies for success.

Be sure to take a look at [this brochure](#) that has all of the sessions for our Virtual Conference listed in one convenient place. It is also quick and easy to register [here](#) and is only \$250 for provider members!