



## Senior Housing Weekly

October 15, 2021

**LeadingAge to Host Housing Guest Speaker for World Mental Health Day.** Join us on Monday, October 18, at 12:30 PM ET for our Housing Advisory Group call featuring guest speaker Dr. Eric Berko. In honor of World Mental Health Day, Dr. Berko will review mental health challenges for both staff and residents at affordable housing communities and discuss strategies for success. Any LeadingAge member can join the Housing Advisory Group or submit advance questions for Dr. Berko by emailing Linda ([lcouch@leadingage.org](mailto:lcouch@leadingage.org)) or Juliana ([jbilowich@leadingage.org](mailto:jbilowich@leadingage.org)).

**LeadingAge Coronavirus Update Calls:** How do we prepare for the unexpected public health crisis? What can we learn from this one? AND, is natural immunity to COVID as good as a vaccine, or at least good enough? Join us on the Call on Monday, October 18 at 3:30 as we talk with nationally featured pandemic expert, Dr. Saskia Popescu of George Mason University about lessons from COVID that can inform how we plan for future public health shocks. On **Wednesday, October 20 at 3:30, Dr. Jeffrey Townsend** of Yale University will talk about a study he led that was published in the Lancet, discussing immunity after COVID-19 recovery, the chances for reinfection, and the need for boosters. If you haven't registered for LeadingAge Update Calls, [you can do so here](#).

**LeadingAge Presents: HUD NSPIRE Update Call with REAC Leadership.** LeadingAge is hosting a call with leadership from HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) to hear the latest updates on physical inspections and the NSPIRE Demonstration program. Any LeadingAge member is welcome to join the call on Tuesday, October 19, at 1pm ET. Please email [jbilowich@leadingage.org](mailto:jbilowich@leadingage.org) for a registration link, and more information [here](#).

**HUD Allows Key Deadline Flexibilities for CSP Requests.** In response to advocacy by LeadingAge, HUD is allowing key relief payment deadline flexibility for capital cost reimbursements due to COVID-19. HUD announced the change in a 20-question COVID-19 Supplemental Payment (CSP) FAQ document that answers questions from LeadingAge and others; HUD also released a draft version of the CSP request form. Our full analysis of the FAQs is available [here](#).

**Federal Legislation Tracker.** Want to know the status of a Congressional bill related to aging services? Wondering if LeadingAge has taken a position. Please check our new and improved LeadingAge [federal legislation tracker](#). This tool includes bills that LeadingAge National is advocating on and following, our position, letters of support, and links to summaries that we have produced. We welcome your feedback. Please let Eram ([eabbasi@leadingage.org](mailto:eabbasi@leadingage.org)) know if you have any questions.

**FDA News on Moderna Booster Shots.** This week, the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee voted unanimously (19-0) to endorse Moderna booster shots for older adults and younger people at high risk because of their underlying health, occupations, or other factors, despite some concerns about the depth of evidence, acknowledging the urgency of the pandemic requires prompt action. The vote sets up the FDA to make a formal regulatory call on Moderna's request to

amend its EUA to allow for booster shots for certain people. If and when that happens, the action moves to CDC to determine how to administer and implement. The FDA asked the VRBPAC to discuss the need for mRNA boosters for all adults, but committee members said most younger adults are well protected by the current vaccines against severe disease. LeadingAge's toolkit for booster shot clinics is available [here](#).

**Vaccinating Homebound Older Adults.** The Trust for America's Health (TFAH) offers one-on-one office hours on Wednesday, October 20, from 4:00 – 4:30 PM ET on developing and executing plans to get vaccinations to older adults who are homebound. Additional sessions are set for November 3 and 17. You can register for the office hours [here](#).

**Updated Affordable Housing Sessions of Interest at Annual Meeting 2021.** We have updated (again) the sessions we think will pique affordable housing provider interest at Annual Meeting 2021. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta. Don't forget to join us on Monday and Tuesday evenings for our Affordable Senior Housing Huddle – Find us on the International Plaza to spin the housing wheel! Here are our [session highlights](#).