

HOW STATES ARE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH STAFFING IN LONG TERM CARE

With the ongoing strain of the coronavirus pandemic, staffing is a key issue for LeadingAge members. LeadingAge affiliates and members are advocating with their states for emergency and surge staffing assistance, and many states are stepping forward. In some cases states have engaged the National Guard in various roles, and in other cases states have formed other types of teams to assist. To see what staffing support states are offering to aging services providers, LeadingAge conducted a brief survey in late November 2020. LeadingAge members can use this information to demonstrate, in their own advocacy, that many states are taking action.

State	National Guard Engaged October 2020	Duties Performed	Other State Assistance with	Duties Performed
	to Now?		Staffing?	
California	No		Yes	Short-term loan of clinical staff
				Contact tracing
Colorado	Yes – Nursing Homes &	Cleaning and disinfecting	Yes	Technical assistance
	Assisted Living	Preparing meals		Infection control
		Screening individuals entering		Short term loan of clinical staff
		Testing residents and staff		Short term loan of CNA, housekeeping, dietary
		Providing direct care		Short term loan of physicians, NPs, PAs,
		Contact tracing		Providing PPE
		Clerical duties		
Connecticut	Yes – Nursing Homes &	Other	Yes	Contact tracing
	Assisted Living			Providing PPE
				Other
Illinois	Yes – Nursing Homes	Other	Yes	Technical assistance
				Infection control
				Contact tracing
				Providing PPE
				Coordinating external resources
Indiana	Yes – Nursing Homes	Cleaning and disinfecting	No	
		Screening individuals entering		
		Performing clerical duties		
Kansas	No		No	
Kentucky	Yes – Nursing Homes	Cleaning and disinfecting	Yes	Short term loan of clinical staff
		Screening individuals entering		Short term loan of CNAs, housekeeping, dietary

		Performing clerical duties		
Maine/ New Hampshire	Yes – Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Housing	Testing residents and staff	Yes	Technical assistance Infection control Contact tracing Providing PPE
Maryland	Yes – Nursing Homes	Other	Yes	Technical assistance Providing PPE Other
Missouri	Yes – Nursing Homes	Testing residents Performing clerical duties	Yes	Technical assistance Infection control Short term loan of clinical staff Short term loan of CNAs, housekeeping, dietary Short term loan of physicians, NPs, PAs Coordinating external resources
Nebraska	No		Yes	Infection control Contact tracing Providing PPE
New Jersey	No		Yes	Contact tracing Coordinating external resources Other
New York	No		Yes	Other
Ohio	Yes – Nursing Homes	Other (transporting tests)	Yes	Incident command Other
Oklahoma	No		No	
Pennsylvania	Yes- Nursing Homes & Assisted Living	Cleaning and disinfecting Screening individuals entering Testing residents and staf Providing direct care Performing clerical duties	Yes	Technical assistance Infection control Short term loan of physicians, NPs, PAs Incident comment Providing PPE Other
South Carolina	No		No	
Tennessee	No		No	
Virginia	Yes – Nursing Homes & Assisted Living	Testing residents & staff Clerical work (scheduling tests) Mast fit testing Mask fit training		
Washington	No	_	Yes	Short term loan of clinical staff Short term loan of CNAs housekeeping, dietary Providing PPE