



Senior Housing Weekly Recap

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On Monday, January 25 LeadingAge Coronavirus Update call -- More vaccine clinic tips for affordable housing providers and more updates and analysis of new Biden administration actions. On Monday at 3:30 PM eastern time, join us to hear from Jennifer Truppa, Director of Social Services and Quality Assurance at Embrace Living Communities. Embrace has had 10 clinics at affordable senior communities and has 15+ more scheduled. Hear from Jennifer on how they are managing these vaccine clinics in affordable senior housing settings and learn some ideas for how to handle these clinics in different states and different settings. If you're not already registered, you can [register to join our live online coronavirus policy updates](#) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. ET.

HUD proposes rule to overhaul physical inspections – HUD has published a proposed rule to implement sweeping changes to its physical inspection protocol and standard, called the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE). The NSPIRE program was initially launched as a two-year demonstration program; the proposed rule implements feedback provided to the agency from LeadingAge members and other housing providers throughout the demonstration period. LeadingAge is compiling comments on all aspects of the proposed rule to submit to HUD by the March 15th deadline. Please send any comments or feedback on the proposed standards or protocol to jbilowich@leadingage.org. More information about NSPIRE is available [here](#), and more info about the proposed rule is available [here](#).

HUD supports vaccine clinics, urges caution; housing providers share success stories and best practices –LeadingAge hosted a forum specifically for senior housing providers navigating the CDC's Pharmacy Partnership program for vaccine distribution. The panel featured officials from the CDC and HUD, as well as a medical provider and senior housing providers who have successfully hosted vaccine clinics at their HUD-subsidized housing communities. Toby Halliday, the Director of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight at HUD, discussed the [fair housing and resident protection considerations for properties hosting vaccine clinics](#), and Ruth Link-Gelles, epidemiologist with the CDC with has overseen the Pharmacy Partnership program, discussed how HUD Section 202 communities were included in the partnership and previewed what communities not participating in the partnership can expect in the coming weeks. Housing providers also shared their [perspectives on hosting successful vaccine clinics](#). LeadingAge's vaccine toolkit for housing providers is available [here](#), and you can view a [short video of vaccine clinics](#) shared by LeadingAge member Telacu Residential Management.

LeadingAge, senior housing featured on "Public Health on Call" podcast - Today, Johns Hopkins University released the newest episode of their public health podcast, hosted by Josh Sharfstein. The podcast looks at Senior Housing and COVID-19, featuring perspectives from Juliana Bilowich with LeadingAge and Shanna Dell from the Baltimore City Health Department. Throughout the pandemic, senior housing providers have felt "at best overlooked, at worst ignored," said Bilowich. To hear the 17-minute episode, click [here](#). To view the accompanying free course on senior housing and COVID-19, developed by JHU in partnership with LeadingAge, click [here](#).

Housing Credit Relief. The IRS has extended several COVID-19 relief provisions for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and clarified some previously outstanding issues. An article on the extensions and clarifications is [here](#).

Biden Extends Eviction Moratorium. The White House extended the national eviction moratorium for nonpayment of rent until March 31. And, Treasury issued an FAQ on the new \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance program that will help landlords, including those with buildings financed by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, financially survive the moratorium. An article about the eviction moratorium extension and the new FAQ is [here](#).

White House COVID-19 Strategy. The White House issued its [National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness](#). The Strategy lays out seven goals: 1) Restore trust with the American people, 2) Mount a safe, effective, and comprehensive vaccination campaign, 3) Mitigate spread through expanding masking, testing, data, treatments, health care workforce, and clear public health standards, 4) Immediately expand emergency relief and exercise the Defense Production Act, 5) Safely reopen schools, businesses, and travel while protecting workers, 6) Protect those most at risk and advance equity, including across racial, ethnic and rural/ urban lines, and 7) Restore U.S. leadership globally and build better preparedness for future threats.

202s and Pharmacy Partnership. The CDC's inclusion of HUD Section 202 housing in its Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program is the focus of a new blog by Linda Couch in ASA's *Generations*. Accurately, the ASA has tagged the blog for "ageism and culture," "justice and equity," and "health and well-being." Read the blog [here](#).

Let's get vaccines in arms. Across the country many people, including some aging services provider staff members, are reluctant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We posted a [succinct article](#) with the basics of why some people are reluctant and strategies providers are using to encourage people. Perhaps most valuable are the many embedded links that point to information and resources to support the vaccine strategies.

LeadingAge Quarterly Housing Survey. Calling all affordable housing providers! Please complete our quick pulse-check on vaccines, COVID testing, HUD payments, and more. Your insights help with our advocacy at HUD and on Capitol Hill and contribute to our decisions about what materials to produce to best support members—and we'll share the results so you can learn about your peers as well. Please take a moment and complete [the survey](#) by January 25.