

Senior Housing Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates

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CDC releases COVID-19 recommendations for Multifamily Housing providers – Building on the agency’s coronavirus guidance for other congregate settings, the CDC has released considerations and recommendations for operators of multifamily housing communities during COVID-19. The new [CDC webpage](#) offers infection control recommendations for a number of operational scenarios in federally-assisted housing communities, including unit turn-over, maintenance and inspections, visitor policies, and confirmed cases. LeadingAge assisted HUD and the CDC in compiling the guidance; more information available [here](#).

Deadline for CARES Act Service Coordinator Payments; HUD staff join LeadingAge call – Last week, HUD announced the availability of COVID-19 payments for grant-funded Service Coordinators, which are being processed differently from payments from budget-based Service Coordinators. On September 9th, LeadingAge hosted a call with HUD staff to address member concerns about the upcoming deadline for CARES Act payments for grant-funded Service Coordinators. Two key agency staff from HUD Headquarters joined nearly 100 LeadingAge members to discuss the timeline and eligible uses of the one-time supplemental COVID-19 payments to current grantees. The deadline to apply through GrantSolutions is this Friday, September 11th, at 11:59pm EST. More information is available [here](#).

HUD establishes national disaster response team - As hurricane and wildfire season continue to threaten affordable housing communities and residents, HUD’s Office of Multifamily Housing has established a new disaster response team to handle *all aspects of the MFH response to major disasters*. Support from the Multifamily Housing Disaster Team includes disaster preparation, evacuation planning and other means of keeping residents safe, and facilitating property damage assessments. The team helps to direct local stakeholder outreach and is responsible for all aspects of a PDD event response for MFH. The team is also responsible for all servicing actions on properties with moderate and severe damage, until the property has returned to normal operations, and all disaster recovery actions have been completed. HUD will soon announce a stakeholder call about the new response team; more information will be available [here](#).

Voting in the time of Coronavirus - LeadingAge staff are working on resources to help members and residents vote during the upcoming election. We have heard of many barriers and complications with voting this year due to the pandemic. We will soon be releasing a guide to help providers and members come up with a voting plan and have an online tool that can help individuals learn if they are registered to vote and if they are not, provide the tools for them to register. It will also provide information on how to obtain a mail-in ballot with key deadlines.

Funding the government - Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Speaker Pelosi have agreed on a “clean” continuing resolution to fund the government through the election. However, it is not clear what the end-date will be; certain “anomalies” have been announced for senior housing.

Advocacy Guide: Making your voice heard safely during COVID-19 – LeadingAge released a COVID-19 advocacy guide for members interested in connecting with lawmakers safely. With the next COVID-19 relief bill hanging in the balance, and the end of the federal fiscal year right around the corner, lawmakers want to hear from constituents more than ever. The guide includes tips for virtual meetings, cell phone property tours, social media posts, and remote resident meet-and-greets. The guide is available [here](#); for more information or assistance getting started with advocacy during COVID-19, email Joe Franco at jfranco@leadingage.org.