

Senior Housing Weekly: Recap of LeadingAge Updates

December 18, 2020

Housing Advisory Group call on Monday, December 21, 12:30pm ET: will be via Zoom (see link below):

Agenda:

- Updates on CARES Act funding for grant-funded Service Coordinators.
- Vaccines update.
- Hill: we *should* have a final FY21 HUD funding bill and a COVID-19 relief bill by Monday; we'll give you the rundown.
- Two new resources on affordable housing and COVID-19: 1) on the LeadingAge [Learning Hub](#): *COVID and Affordable Housing*, and 2) a [course](#) from the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Training Initiative, both highlighting the amazing knowledge of Juliana.
- LeadingAge's new report: [Affordable Senior Housing: A Scan of State Housing Credit Allocation Plans](#)

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LeadingAge Webinar for CVS Vaccine Distribution Partners: Join us on December 22, at 1pm ET, to hear from LeadingAge and experts from CVS/Omnicare on the Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program for COVID-19 vaccinations. CVS will provide the most up to date information on how CVS is managing the vaccination process and will answer questions from LeadingAge members who have been assigned CVS as their vaccine provider. CVS representatives will also provide the latest set of resources for providers to help educate staff and residents as well as details of the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Register for the webinar here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2800357571626325260>

Vaccine Resources:

- LeadingAge [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccinations.
- Article on our Monday, 12/14, interview: [Vaccines: An Interview with Dr. Joshua Sharfstein](#)
- Article on our Wednesday, 12/16, interview: [Pharmacy Partnership Update – Interview with Jim Love, President CVS/ Omnicare](#)
- As you know, HUD Section 202 communities are included in the group of “long term care facilities” for purposes of the CDC Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care vaccination program. Here is a CDC piece on the [Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities](#).

New resources for affordable housing providers. This week, two comprehensive sets of resources became available, both based on LeadingAge Director of Housing Operations and Policy Juliana Bilowich's deep understanding of COVID's impact on affordable housing providers, and both highlighting amazing LeadingAge members.

- First, new on the [Learning Hub](#): *COVID and Affordable Housing*. This session provides targeted information on CDC infection prevention recommendations for HUD-assisted senior housing settings, HUD and Fair Housing regulatory compliance during COVID-19, and strategies for property staff and resident communications during a pandemic. Access this session on the [Learning Hub](#).

- Second, from the Johns Hopkins University COVID-19 Training Initiative, two free courses, one designed for assisted living and one for senior housing communities, on COVID-19 response strategies. These courses provide a central platform for assisted living administrators and senior housing providers to learn how to develop and implement a comprehensive health emergency response. The self-paced courses consist of lectures, guest interviews, reading resources, and assignments for learners to acquire immediate takeaways to actively change their community's policies and implement lessons from the assignments to keep residents and staff safe. More information is available [here](#).

Ventilation in Buildings: CDC updated information and tactics to improve [ventilation in buildings](#). The webpage includes a list of ventilation interventions that can help reduce the concentration of virus particles in the air, such as SARS-CoV-2. They represent a list of “tools in the mitigation toolbox,” each of which can be effective on their own. Implementing multiple tools at the same time is consistent with CDC mitigation strategies and increases overall effectiveness. These ventilation interventions can reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and reduce the spread of disease, but they will not eliminate risk completely.

HUD interim IWISH report offers takeaways for housing providers. The LeadingAge LTSS center posted key takeaways from HUD's first report on its Integrated Wellness in Supportive Housing (IWISH) demonstration program. Read the LTSS blog [here](#).

Congressional update. FY21 HUD funding and new COVID relief bill. As of December 18, it appears that Congress will have to pass a third Continuing Resolution to keep federal programs, including HUD programs, running past midnight on December 18, when the second CR expires. The third CR might last four or so days, giving Congress a bit more time to complete its all-in-one package of FY21 appropriations bills and additional COVID-19 relief in a single, very large bill.