



Age-Friendly Public Health Systems Learning and Action Network News

SPECIAL EDITION

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The AFPHS Network News will continue to focus on providing news and resources regarding the COVID-19 crisis. Many thanks to those of you on the front lines of the response to this outbreak. New items since the previous edition are in *italics*.

TFAH's [COVID-19 Resources Portal](#) provides news and links to key articles and interviews. (*New items added daily.*)

Events and Opportunities

- Last week, the American Public Health Association (APHA) [hosted a webinar](#) featuring Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, entitled *The Science of Social Distancing: Part I*. A recording, transcript, and the presenters slides are all available [here](#). Join APHA **tomorrow, April 1** at 5:00 p.m. (ET) for [Part II](#) in the series, which will discuss benefit-risk analysis of social/physical distancing strategies, including for vulnerable populations; examine strategies for mitigating mental health impacts; and explore what science is available to guide eventual relaxation of measures.

COVID-19 Federal Government Resources

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** CDC's [COVID-19 site](#) provides comprehensive updates and guidance for various professions and populations. CDC's [guidance for older adults](#) also includes information related to long term care facilities.
 - [Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living](#)
 - [Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities \(Interim Guidance\)](#)
 - Report on King County, Washington: [COVID-19 in a Long-Term Care Facility](#)
 - Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) [Checklist: Older Persons](#)
- *Administration for Community Living and National Center for Law and Elder Rights: [Legal Assistance for Older Americans & COVID-19](#) provides guidance for legal assistance programs to use while adjusting policies and procedures to ensure the safety*

of their staff and their older adult clients. This document adds to the other [FAQs and new resources that ACL](#) has published for the aging and disability networks.

- **HHS Partnership Center:** To support your leadership and your efforts, the Partnership Center created the [COVID-19 Recommended Preventive Practices and FAQs for Faith-based and Community Leaders](#).

COVID-19 Organizational Resources

- **AARP:** [Facts and information on COVID-19](#).
[Attend to mental health during COVID-19](#)
- **ADvancing States (Home and Community Based Services):** State-by-state [listing of resources](#) on COVID-19.
- **Alzheimer's Association:** [Tips for caregivers of individuals with dementia during COVID-19](#).
- **American Geriatrics Society:** [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Information for Internists](#)
- **American Health Care Association:** Provides [information](#) for long-term care and post-acute care facilities.
- **American Public Health Association:** APHA's [COVID-19 page](#) for public health professionals links to APHA resources as well as those from CDC and WHO. In addition, APHA provides a ["Get Ready" page](#) for the general public that links to coronavirus fact sheets in multiple languages.
- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials** [COVID-19 resource hub](#), including pandemic response materials. ASTHO's [press statement](#). See [ASTHO's new crisis communication guide](#) for concise, easily digestible answers to 45 pressing COVID-19 questions.
- **Eldercare Locator:** Offers [information for older adults](#) on community based services.
- **Institute for Healthcare Improvement:** [Statement and Update on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- **The John A. Hartford Foundation:** Provides resources for older adults, family caregivers, and healthcare professionals on its [COVID-19 Resources page](#).
- **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health:** [Public Health on Call](#) daily podcasts, many with public health experts on COVID-19, including how nursing facilities should be responding and ethical dilemmas with the outbreak.

- **LeadingAge:** Provides [COVID-19 guidance](#) for senior living communities.
- **National Asian Pacific Center on Aging:** Provides [COVID-19 information in multiple languages](#).
- **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a):** Provides a [compilation of resources](#) for Area Agencies on Aging and others COVID-19, including a link to a webinar on what the Aging Network is doing.
- **National Association of County and City Health Officials** [COVID-19 resources](#), including materials from the NACCHO toolbox.
- **National Council on Aging:** [What older adults need to know about COVID-19](#).
- **National Indian Council on Aging:** Provides COVID-19 resources focused on [tribal communities' needs and challenges](#).

COVID-19 Articles and Issue-Specific Information

- **COVID-19 Testing**
 - [Saving COVID-19 Testing for Those Who Really Need It](#)
- **Mental Health for Older Adults during COVID-19**
 - **Diverse Elders Coalition:** [COVID-19: We must care for older adults' mental health](#).
 - **Florida Department of Elder Affairs:** *Caring for older adults with dementia during COVID-19.*
- **Public Health and Healthcare Workers**
 - [Coronavirus Responders Deserve Better](#)
 - **Journal of Public Health Management and Practice:** Compilation of [resources for public health information and response](#), including posts and podcasts from public health epidemiologists, experts in public health department management and practice, healthcare professionals, state and local public health leaders, and more.
- **Social Isolation and Loneliness During COVID-19**
 - **Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness:** Publishes a [resource page](#) on the physical, behavioral, and mental health effects of social distancing and how to stay connected with others while intentionally isolating oneself.