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Standing MCOA/LeadingAge Housing Call – for RSCs and Housing Managers – every Friday at 10:15
Join Zoom Meeting (video encouraged): https://zoom.us/j/992754142
Meeting ID: 992 754 142
Password: 535837
Conference Call Line: 1-646-558-8656 passcode: 992754142#

Maine Department of Labor: Updates on Unemployment
Click here to read the press release

Unemployment Insurance FAQs Regarding COVID-19
Click here to read more

Maine DHHS: COVID-19 Person Centered Planning (PCP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Click here to read more

Maine DHHS: Modification of Home Delivered Meals Eligibility (10-149, Ch. 5, Section 65, Nutrition Services) due to COVID-19
Click here to read more

CDC Factsheet: Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) When Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19
Click here to read more
Families First Coronavirus Response Act Webinar

(Time sensitive, must register Today by 3pm)

On Wednesday, April 1, the new Families First Coronavirus Response Act went into effect. This federal Act requires some employers in Maine to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded medical leave for reasons related to COVID-19. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Act.

Recognizing the high level of interest in this new program, the Maine Department of Labor will sponsor a webinar on **Friday, April 10th, at 10AM**. The session will be delivered by Steven McKinney, regional Community Outreach & Resource Planning Specialist for WHD. The session will last for about ninety minutes and will include a brief presentation on the subject after which Mr. McKinney will answer questions. We encourage participants to familiarize themselves with the program before the webinar occurs by reviewing materials posted at: [https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic).

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please send their names and emails to Christina Starr at Christina.Starr@maine.gov by 3PM on Thursday. We will then notify them by email with the information they need to participate in the session. For technical reasons, participation is limited to 200.

National COVID-Ready Caregiver Certification

The National COVID-Ready Caregiver Certification course is available for free through the end of this week, April 10. Designed by NextStep to address the widespread need for CNAs, home care aides, home healthcare aides, and of course family caregivers to gain the skills they need to provide care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Click here for more information](https://www.nextsteplifeprofessional.com/coronavirus-ready)
Nonprofit Finance Fund Webinar Series
As the nation grapples with the COVID-19 crisis, nonprofit leaders face tough decisions about how to sustain their organizations in a time of uncertainty. To help ensure nonprofit leaders have every tool at their disposal, NFF is presenting the following free webinars on managing through this crisis:

**A Guide to Nonprofit Debt in the Age of COVID-19**
Friday, April 10, 1:00 PM ET
Through a combination of new government programs, philanthropic responses, and historically low interest rates from for-profit financial institutions, an unprecedented number of nonprofits are taking on debt for the first time. Join NFF’s Sandi Clement McKinley and David Streim as they give an overview of nonprofit debt, explain the financing options available in response to COVID-19 and how to apply, and go over considerations for nonprofits in securing a loan.
[Click here to register](#)

**Managing through Uncertainty Part 1**
Thursday, April 16, 1:00 PM ET
How can nonprofit leaders organize and plan for the months ahead? Join NFF’s Jina Paik and Dominique Hugg as they discuss practical steps for moving from response and recovery into resilience, cash management and planning strategies, and budgeting in a time of uncertainty.
[Click here to register](#)

**Managing through Uncertainty Part 2**
Friday, April 17, 1:00 PM ET
How can nonprofit leaders organize and plan for the months ahead? Join NFF’s Jina Paik and Dominique Hugg as they present common financial strategies for managing in crisis, practical advice for completing a financial scenario plan, and best practices for communicating and reflecting on the financial impact of COVID-19.
[Click here to register](#)

**Webinars: Managing volunteer programs and outreach during COVID-19**

**Living With COVID-19 Webinar: A Guide for Volunteer Programs**
Monday, April 13, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET
COVID-19 is an unprecedented event. No disaster or disease has ever affected volunteering to the extent that will likely occur in the next few months. In this webinar, Steve McCurley will take attendees through some preliminary discussion of the likely impact of COVID-19 on volunteers and volunteer programs and highlight some of the major issues around which grantees need to begin planning. While the focus of this webinar will be on examples for SMP, SHIP, and MIPPA all ACL grantees are welcome to join and participate.
[Register for the webinar](#).

"Suddenly Remote" Webinar Series
MANP is offering a new, free webinar series with our partners at RoundTable Technology designed to help everyone learn to not only adjust to remote work but thrive. Each Tuesday this month from 1-2pm get 20-40 minutes of relevant content, then participate in open conversations to share ideas and ask questions:

**Schedule** (subject to change as the world changes):
- April 14: Adapting to Remote Work
- April 21: Hosting a Virtual Event
- April 28: Safeguarding Your Home Workforce

[Learn more and register today](#)
Northern New England Response to Covid-19  
Webinar Hosted by Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging  
**Tuesday, April 14th, 2020**  
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

On Tuesday, April 14 from 12:00 to 1:30, the Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging will host a special Covid-19 webinar to discuss challenges and promising practices to support the health of older people in northern New England. Learn how the different shelter-in-place orders effect the work in age-friendly organizations and lifelong communities. We will also share some emerging practices developing to meet the needs in communities across northern New England. Come prepared to share your experiences and to ask questions. We will be joined by state legislators, age-friendly organizations, and State Units on Aging.

[Click here to register]

**UMaine Health Connection Chats**  
Wednesdays from 11am – 12 Noon  
Beginning April 15, 2020  
[Click here to read more]

**Coping with COVID-19: Mindfulness Tools for Geriatric Providers**  
Thursday, April 16th at 12-1:30pm  
[Click here for more information and to register]

**Social Media Tools For Lifelong Communities Webinar**  
*hosted by UMaine Center on Aging*  
April 30th, 9-10AM  
[Click here for more information and to register]

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**Local Community Volunteer Efforts**

*Check out this initiative!*

**Hallowell Help Hotline available to help those in need**  
Members of the Hall-Dale Elementary School parent-teacher organization, together with members of the Hallowell All-Age-Friendly Committee, have developed a Hallowell Help Hotline, email and website to help those in need of assistance, according to a news release from Bob McIntire, chairman of the Hallowell committee.

[Click here to read the article]  
[Click here to find HallowellHelps online]

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Maine Council on Aging is working to share any community efforts & available resources across Maine and have started sharing on our website for easy reference. Check out the link below & share within your networks to ensure that service providers of all kinds can more easily find the services older people need during this crisis. This page is updated daily as we hear from more communities - please check back often!

[**MCOA Local Community Volunteer Efforts Listing**]

Are you a part of a local volunteer effort in your community and do not see it listed at the webpage above? *Please let us know about it by completing the brief survey here.*
In Case You Missed It

Reimagining Strategy in Context of the COVID-19 Crisis: A Triage Tool
Click here to read more

Governor Mills Signs Executive Order Allowing Remote Notarizations
Click here to read more

Looking for more resources and information?
Click the button below to access more information and resources from MCOA and past daily email updates.