COVID-19
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Updates, Information & Resources

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
12:45 p.m. TUESDAY June 30, 2020
Click here for the agenda.
Click here to listen to the meeting on Tuesday 6/30 at 12:45pm
Click here for the Maine Legislature YouTube channel which will allow you to watch this meeting and archives of previously streamed legislative meetings

CDC: People Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness (updated 6/25/20)
Click here to read more

CMS Announces Membership of Independent Coronavirus Commission on Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes
Click here to read more

U.S. Census: Older and Growing - Percent Change among the 65 and Older Population: 2010 to 2019
Click here to read more

Understanding telehealth
Click here to read more
StoryCorps Connect
The collaboration brings StoryCorps Connect, a new free digital platform developed to address the pressing need for connection during the coronavirus pandemic, to older adults, their families, and caregivers across America, with the goal of conducting and recording meaningful remote interviews between loved ones.
Click here to read more

Alzheimer's Association: Improving State and Federal Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Long-Term Care Settings
Click here to read more

Frequently Asked Questions by Guardians About the COVID-19 Pandemic As of June 16, 2020
Click here to read more

Clark Insurance: Returning to Workplace During Covid-19 Resources
Click here to read more

PEW Research Center: Most Americans say they regularly wore a mask in stores in the past month; fewer see others doing it
Click here to read more

Rural Hospice Workers Struggle to Overcome Physical and Emotional Barriers to Care
Click here to read more

What Is Elder Justice And Why Do We Need It?
Click here to read more

Building Mental Resilience During a Crisis
Click here to read more

Additional resources:
Finding Balance During COVID-19 webinar
Hosted by Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging
Click here for the recorded version

Funding Opportunities

CORRECTION: CARES ACT FUNDS MINI-GRAINS AVAILABLE
Only SOME of the Area Agencies on Aging are offering mini-grants to local community partners. We apologize for the error and any confusion this may have caused.
Contact your AAA directly for more information. We will also be sharing more information as we receive notice from the AAA's.

Here are some links to available mini-grants:

Southern Maine Agency on Aging: York and Cumberland Counties
SeniorsPlus: Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties
Click here for more information and click here for the application

Grant Application: 2020 Census COVID Contingency Fund
COVID-19 has impacted Census Bureau operations, media coverage of the 2020 Census, and civil society’s efforts to get out the count. The Census COVID Contingency Fund is supporting local get out the count (GOTC) efforts reaching the hardest to count populations (those with a response rate under the national average) by providing contingency funding and digital training. For this first round of funding we have ten $2500 grants available to eligible applicants. Click here to read more and apply

DHHS/ACL: Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness & social isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation Challenge
Click here to read more

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

June 30: Long Term Care Facilities
July 7: Home and Community-based Care
July 14: Ageing in the Time of Coronavirus
July 21: Impact on Older Adults in LMICs
July 28: Loneliness and Isolation
Click here for more information and to register

(NEW) Senior Housing News: Emergency Preparedness - Critical Steps, Roles and Responsibilities when preparing for tough times in COVID-19 world
Tue, Jun 30, 2020 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM EDT
This webinar will cover key aspects of an emergency preparedness plan and how to conduct staff training on complex disaster plan topics. We will discuss how COVID-19 impacts these plans and what needs to be considered to ensure residents and employees are protected.
Click here for more information and register

Meals on Wheels America to host National Social Isolation Virtual Summit Presented by the Caesars Foundation
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020 | 1:30PM EST
The National Social Isolation Virtual Summit will focus on critical issues affecting older Americans, including social isolation, hunger and loneliness, and finding cross-sector solutions that provide enhanced quality of life.
Click here to read more and register

UMaine Health Connection Chats
July 1st - Staying Healthy in the Age of COVID-19
Presented by Patricia Hamilton, APRN, Public Health Director, City of Bangor
(NEW) Supporting rural communities
Join ACL on Wednesday, July 1, at 2pm EDT for a webinar on connecting older adults and people with disabilities in rural America to resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will feature researchers and program leaders including:
- Amanda Reichard, PhD, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, ACL (Moderator)
- Lance Robertson, Administrator, ACL (Introduction and welcome)
- Collette Adamsen, PhD, Director, National Resource Center on Native American Aging
- Sara Tribe Clark, Director, Eldercare Locator
- Richard Petty, MBA, Director, IL-NET National Training and Technical Assistance Center for independent living at ILRU
- Andrew Myers, MA, University of Montana Rural Institute
Registration is not required, use this link to join the webinar.

Successfully Engaging Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities via Technology
Webinar on Thursday, July 9 at 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET.
Across the country, community-based organizations are responding to the needs of older adults and adults with disabilities by expanding options for virtual programming and service delivery. Virtual offerings can promote service continuity in lieu of in-person interactions, as well as foster social connectedness.
Join ACL and other national stakeholders for a webinar highlighting programs, best practices, and tips for creating communities of learning and engagement via technology. Presenters will address marketing/outreach, barriers to virtual participation, strategies for holding interactive and inclusive conversations, and more.
This webinar will be recorded and posted on ACL's COVID-19 webpage.
Presenters: Ryan Elza, AARP Foundation; Stephen Ewell, Consumer Technology Association (CTA) Foundation; Thomas Kamber, Older Adults Technology Services (OATS); Susan Stiles, National Council on Aging
Register for the webinar.

Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
July 22nd 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Adult Day Center Check In Call
Click here to learn more & register

Free Training for Direct Care Workers on PPE
This grant funded PPE training module was developed specifically for direct care workers. Find the Direct Care training in the yellow box at the link below.
Click here to read more

Local Community Volunteer Efforts
Check out this initiative!
Statewide volunteer group brings
Mainers Together
Formed by the Maine People’s Alliance, Mainers Together is a neighbor-to-neighbor volunteer network.
Click here to read the article
Click here to find them online

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.*

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**In Case You Missed It**

**Mills Administration Releases COVID-19 Prevention Checklists for Stage 3 Business Reopenings**
Click here to read the bulletin

**CMS: FAQs About Visitation Considerations for Nursing Home Residents**
Click here to read more

**Meals on Wheels Need You!**
We heard this morning on our member and partner call that so many of the new volunteers who stepped up during over the last few months to deliver meals have gone back to work. So, all of Maine’s area agencies on aging need your help! *Please get the word out that we need volunteers to deliver meals to older people who cannot prepare meals for themselves.* We can connect you with your local agency if you’re not sure who to call. Thank you!

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

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