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A Reminder from MCOA

“Where Policy Meets Practice: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Affordable Senior Housing Communities”

- Friday, June 5th, 10:15-11:15am EST
- Curated Conversation and Live Q&A with preventative medicine experts, housing policy analysts, and housing/services providers
- Panelists include: Nicoleta Toma, MD and Katherine Nenninger, MD - MMC Preventive Medicine Fellows; Juliana Bilowich, Director of Housing Operations and Policy for LeadingAge; and Jess Maurer, Executive Director of MCOA

Join us for a 30-minute curated conversation on how property staff can reduce the spread of COVID-19 in HUD-assisted and other senior housing communities. Bring live questions, or send advance questions to jmaurer@mainecouncilonaging.org or lhenderson@leadinagemenh.org.

Conversation to be followed by updates on HUD guidance and local resources for affordable housing managers and Resident Service Coordinators navigating the pandemic.

Click the link below to join the call on June 5th @ 10:15 am:
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#
Updates, Information & Resources

Governor Mills & MaineHousing Extend Rent Relief Program
Click here to read the bulletin

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
10:00 a.m. Friday June 5, 2020 Room 228 State House
Discussion of the Administration’s perspective of the economic impact of the pandemic and ensuing disruption on Maine people and businesses and the mitigating steps the administration has taken or is planning to take. Heather Johnson, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development
Click here for agenda and links

CDC: When to Wear Gloves
Click here to read more

CDC: Cleaning and Disinfection for Households (updated)
Click here to read more

World Health Organization: Myth busters (updated)
Click here to read more

An Update from CEO Megan Walton from the Southern Maine Agency on Aging - COVID-19
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ACL Blog: Volunteers Making their Mark
Click here to read more

What the Pandemic Has Meant for These Older Adults
Each is an essential worker in more ways than one
Click here to read the article

Group homes make up the largest number of coronavirus outbreaks in Maine
Click here to read the article

Maine Voices: ‘Universal’ testing isn’t enough to protect nursing home residents from COVID
Click here to read the article

Grief and COVID-19: Saying goodbye in the age of physical distancing
Click here to read the article
Upcoming Learning Opportunities

(Today) GIA Webinar: Seeing Older Adults as Assets with Intergenerational Programs
Thu, Jun 4, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
While there has been much discussion around older adults in need during the Covid-19 pandemic, many older adults are also actively volunteering and giving back to their communities. Join Grantmakers In Aging and The Eisner Foundation for a special discussion of the full spectrum of the 65+ experience during this crisis, and how organizations are putting the skills and talents of older adults to work.
Panelists: Trent Stamp, CEO, The Eisner Foundation
Joel Arquillos, Executive Director of 826LA
Nahtahna Cabanes, VP of Strategic Partnerships and Director of RSVP at L.A. Works
Moderated by John Feather, CEO, Grantmakers In Aging
Click here to register

Connecting with other COVID Community Task Force
Maine Public Health Association (MPHA) is organizing a virtual forum for volunteers organizing community coronavirus task forces to connect with each other - to share resources/materials, ask questions, offer best practices. If you would like to participate in these forums please click the link below to contact MPHA Executive Director, Becca Boulos. In addition, if you have any resources or best practices you would like to share; or, if you have questions for the group please click the link below. Information will be collated and shared at the first meeting. Tentatively, the first meeting is planned for either Tuesday, June 9th or Wednesday, June 10th during the evening.
Click here to email Becca Boulos, Executive Director of MPHA

Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
June 10th 2:00- 3:00 pm: Aging In Place Initiatives
June 17th 3:00 - 4:00 pm: Volunteer Transportation Check In Call
June 18th 1:00 - 2:00 pm: Keeping Faith During Covid-19
June 24th 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Senior Center Check In Call
Click here to learn more & register

UMaine Health Connection Chats
Click here to learn more about past chats & find out about upcoming chats

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

Alzheimer's Association: COVID-19 Caring Conversations
COVID-19 Caring Conversations (for people with memory loss and their caregivers)
COVID-19 Caring Conversations For Professionals
Click here for more information and to register

Why COVID-19 Preys on Older Adults: What the Science Says (and Doesn’t Say)
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 2-3:00pm EDT
Older people are most prone to hospitalization, disability, and death following infection with the novel coronavirus. Among those infected, people 80 and older die at 184 times the rate of someone in their 20s.

This webinar, the first in the series “Aging and COVID-19: What Does Science Actually Tell Us?” presented by the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) and GIA, will untangle the science from the pseudo-science and explain the hallmarks of the aging process and age-related diseases, how aging affects immune health, and how the biology of aging helps explain why some of us are particularly vulnerable to the worst of COVID-19.

Panelists: Steven N. Austad, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Biology at University of Alabama-Birmingham and AFAR Senior Scientific Director; and George Kuchel, MD, Travelers Chair in Geriatrics and Gerontology, UCONN Center on Aging.

Moderated by John Feather, PhD, CEO of Grantmakers In Aging.

Click here to register

Dementia Workforce Development: Two Models to Prepare for the Future
(National Alzheimer’s and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) Webinar – June 16, 2020)

An introduction to critical issues in the dementia workforce will be presented. The CATCH-ON program at Rush University Medical Center is addressing workforce needs in unique ways through its Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program. Dr. Erin Emery-Tiburcio will discuss various aspects of CATCH-ON, including the development of Dementia Friendly Communities in Illinois and resources for building your local dementia workforce. A second dementia workforce program example will be provided by Ms. Katelyn Marschall. Ms. Marschall will provide an overview of the Wisconsin Dementia Care Specialist Program and how the Dementia Care Specialist Program impacts people with dementia and their families. Practical resources for dementia professionals developed for use in community-based settings will also be provided.

Click here for more information

Engaging with Reframing & Promoting Health

On Tuesday, June 16th from 12:00 to 1:00, the focus of the Idea and Experience Exchange: Wisdom Inquiry series will be promoting health and engaging with reframing aging in your community. This is a followup conversation from our General Interest Webinar, Ageism is Bad for Your Health. Join us to learn more about changing the narrative on aging within your own community.

Host:
Mary Lou Ciolfi, Acting Administrator, HillHouse Assisted Living, Aging Services Consultant, Adjunct Faculty, University of New England

Click here to register

(NEW) Virtual Wellness

Register for the webinar on Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET.

Feeling restless staying at home? Want to learn about how you can participate in Virtual Wellness? The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky is hosting a second webinar: “Wellness Edge--Staying Apart Together, Volume 2.” This is an opportunity to learn about and try out inclusive wellness practices virtually together! Wellness Edge is part of the PRC State Pilot program that aims to increase the quality of engagement for individuals with paralysis and their support networks in recreational settings, and thereby improve health outcomes and enhance the capacity of communities to have inclusive recreational spaces for all individuals.

The webinar will include crossfit, social distancing in parks, health check-in activity, and much more. This event is free and open to everyone.

Register for the webinar.

Finding Balance During Covid-19

Tue, Jun 23, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM EDT
COVID-19 has taken a toll on our collective emotional well-being. On Tuesday, June 23, from 12:00 to 1:30, we will hear from people across our region who can help us understand how we can help our employees, volunteers, people we serve, and ourselves find balance in the face of the grief, stress, uncertainty, and anxiety brought on by the events of COVID-19. During this webinar we will hear how we can remain resilient throughout this disaster and connect to supports that can help. Join us to hear ways folks in our region are addressing this emotionally challenging time in their communities and helpful ideas to navigate this time as a provider, caregiver or volunteer.

**Presenters:**
- Susan Wehry, MD, *Chief of Geriatrics, PI/Director, AgingME: Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), Department of Primary Care, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine*
- Bobbie Rood, LICSW, Vermont

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!  
Click here to register

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### Local Community Volunteer Efforts

**Check out this initiative!**

**Age-Friendly Bowdoinham, Maine, Responds to COVID-19**
How the very small town is serving and protecting its older residents
Click here to read more

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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.

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### In Case You Missed It

**CDC: How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering**
Click here to read more

**CDC: How to Wash Cloth Face Coverings**
Click here to read more

**Funding Opportunities and PPE Resources** are cataloged on our COVID-19 Resources for Providers Page, click the link below to visit the page.
Looking for more resources and information?
Click the button below to access more information and resources from MCOA and past daily email updates.

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