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Updates, Information & Resources

Maine DHHS: Attention: Nursing Facilities Notice Regarding Bed Hold Days
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDESIGNED OADS WEBSITE
Maine’s Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website. The new site will be live as of Tuesday morning, July 14th.
Click here to read more

Maine OADS: COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR OLDER MAINERS
The Office of Aging and Disability Services has developed a list of COVID-19 Aging & Long-Term Services and Supports resources. At the top of the attached document is a section containing COVID-19 specific information and resources for older Mainers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Also included in the document are community assistance and service resources available across the state to help Mainers remain safe and healthy in their communities during this public health emergency. Individuals seeking support are encouraged to call 211 Maine or their local area agency on aging at 1-877-353-3771.
Click here to read more

Administration for Community Living: OLDER AMERICANS ACT COVID-19 GUIDANCE Comprehensive Guidance Reference (updated 7/8/20)
Click here to read more
Community-Based Organizations during COVID-19
The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response has created a new resource page.
Click here to read more

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC) COVID-19 Resources
Click here to read more

The Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living
CHRIL-NET COVID Survey
The Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living (CHRIL), in partnership with the IL-NET National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Independent Living at ILRU and the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), used the CIL-NET platform to conduct a national survey of CILs to assess the impact of the pandemic and the impact of local, state, and federal policy actions on people with disabilities.
Click here to read more

Maine Center for Economic Policy: Tracking the economic impact of COVID-19 in Maine
Click here to read more

Introducing the Journal of Elder Policy during the COVID-19 pandemic: Why policies that protect older adults are more important than ever
Click here to read more

Social isolation: The COVID-19 pandemic's hidden health risk for older adults, and how to manage it
Click here to read more

Forbes: Covid-19: Don't Mess With My Retirement
Click here to read the article

LeadingAge Learning Hub: Ageism in the Era of COVID-19
In this 15-minute QuickCast, Tracey Gendron takes a closer look at the intersection of ageism and COVID-19 and explores ways we can reframe aging by focusing on potential solutions.
Click here to learn more

Small Maine health care providers struggle to find personal protective equipment
Click here to read the article

Funding Opportunities

(NEW) Maine Charity Foundation Fund
The Maine Charity Foundation Fund provides grants for community-based transportation programs, including changes in response to the pandemic, and efforts to keep older community members socially connected during a time of physical distancing. Projects in rural areas are a priority.

Click here to read more

(NEW) DHHS: Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations

Click here to read more

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

(NEW) University of Maine Center on Aging Health Connection Chat
The Importance of Our Sense of Hearing For Staying Connected
Wednesday, July 15, 11am-noon
Amy Engler Booth, MA, CCC-A, FAAA
Clinical Faculty and Audiology Supervisor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Maine
For call-in information or Zoom connection link, please contact Kelley Morris at kelley.morris@maine.edu or 207.262.7925
Those joining by phone can send in questions to our speakers ahead of time by contacting Len Kaye at len.kaye@maine.edu or 207.262.7922
Click here to visit the Health Connection Chat website for more information or for videos of past offerings

(NEW) Addressing Nutrition and Social Connection Needs of Rural Older Adults During the COVID-19 Emergency
Wed, Jul 15, 2020 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Older adults living in rural areas are especially vulnerable during the COVID-19 public health emergency, even as their needs for nutrition and socialization services are rising. Rural residents face persistent challenges related to accessing long-term services and supports, healthcare, transportation, telecommunications, and other important resources. Older adults who are isolated from others, particularly those who live alone, or who live in frontier areas may be particularly at risk for limited social connectivity and in turn, dietary intake. Senior nutrition programs have and continue to demonstrate great creativity and determination in recent months to overcome these challenges to meet service needs of their communities. Join this upcoming webinar to hear from three senior nutrition program professionals leading initiatives and organizations in varied rural, frontier and tribal
communities, and their successes and lessons learned in meeting the nutrition and social connection needs of the older adults they serve during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Presenters:
• Darin Zotigh, Executive Director, Kiowa Tribe AOA
• Tammy Rosa, Caregiver Program Manager/Nutrition Program – Quality Assurance Specialist, Upper Peninsula Commission Area Progress
• Dennis Streets, Executive Director, Chatham Council on Aging

Click here to register

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

Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19
(twice a month on Fridays at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern)
Next Call: Friday, July 17th at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern
Lessons from the Front Lines calls are a joint effort between CMS Administrator Seema Verma, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians are invited to share their experience, ideas, strategies, and insights with one another related to their COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters.
Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Code: 3096434
Click here to register

Webinar Series: Including Age in Diversity & Inclusion Strategies
July 22, 2020, at 11:00 AM EDT
Join AARP, the World Economic Forum, and the OECD for our next webinar in the Living, Learning & Earning Longer series! During this webinar, representatives from AARP and the World Economic Forum will discuss the importance of “Including Age in Diversity & Inclusion Strategies.” Participants will have a chance to learn from Mike North, Assistant Professor of Management & Organizations at the Stern School of Business at New York University, and Mike Mansfield, Program Director Aegon Center for Longevity and Retirement at Aegon. This webinar is proudly facilitated by Public Private Strategies on behalf of the Living, Learning & Earning Longer Collaborative. If you need assistance, you can contact us at aarp@publicprivatestrategies.com.
Click here to register

(NEW) University of Maine Center on Aging Health Connection Chat
Dealing Effectively With the Trauma of Living During COVID-19
Wednesday, July 22, 11am-noon
Judith Josiah-Martin, PhD, ACSW, CADC
Lecturer, School of Social Work, University of Maine
For call-in information or Zoom connection link, please contact Kelley Morris at kelley.morris@maine.edu or 207.262.7925
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Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
(NEW) The Impact of COVID-19 on Transportation Services for Older Adults and People with Disabilities: A Conversation with Volunteer Driver Programs
July 23, 2020 @ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm EDT
Join NADTC on Thursday, July 23 at 3:00 PM ET for a webinar on operating volunteer driver programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar will feature two speakers and there will be time to ask questions, share your experiences and learn from each other.
Presenters:
Jess Maurer, Executive Director, Maine Council on Aging
Karen Boice, Executive Director, Freedom Road Transportation Authority
Click here for more information and to register

The Role of State Units on Aging in Home Modification and Repair:
Lessons from a National Survey
Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm EDT
The home environment plays an important role in aging in place. However, the extent to which State Units on Aging (SUAs) contribute to maximizing access to home modification and repair (HMR) has not been well understood. With support from the Administration for Community Living and in partnership with ADvancing States, the University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology surveyed state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities to develop a knowledge base of state HMR activities for older adults and persons with disabilities. This webinar will feature the findings from the 50 SUA respondents, and provide examples of the challenges, opportunities, and successes related to maximizing older adults’ access to HMR polices, programs, and funding sources at the state level.
Presenters: Jon Pynoos, Emily Nabors, and Julie Overton, University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology; and Damon Terzaghi, ADvancing States
Real-time captioning will be provided for this webinar. Pre-registration is required for this webinar. Space is limited so make sure to register as soon as possible.
Click here to 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!

Heart of Maine Community Stories
Heart of Maine Community Stories is an online platform for collecting and sharing stories about life in the Heart of Maine region. This community-based project is a collaboration between Hartland Public Library, Newport Cultural Center, Pittsfield Public Library, Skowhegan Free Public Library, and Thompson Free Library (Dover-Foxcroft). The current focus of Heart of Maine Community Stories is on documenting life during the COVID-19 pandemic and other historic events that have impacted our communities.
Click here to read more
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**

**Leading Age: The Non-Negotiables for Older Adults: Five Essential Truths In the Fight Against COVID-19**  
[Click here to read more](#)

**To Fight COVID-19, Governor Mills Strengthens Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement as Maine Reopens**  
[Click here to read the bulletin](#)

**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!

**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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