LeadingAge Kansas COVID-19 Weekly Update May 14, 2020





State Update

- Presentation from Seth Konkel
 - Battelle Decontamination System Transportation
 Plan
- KDHE Guidance
- Nursing home funding proposal
- Legislative activities:
 - Liability Waiver
 - State emergency fund oversight
 - Emergency declaration extension





N95 Battelle Information & Update

- Free for all healthcare facilities
- Vapor Phase Hydrogen Peroxide
- Prolongs use of N95
- Can be decontaminated 20 times
- Must register through Battelle's website
- Important to remember No visible soiling or contaminations:
 - No Blood
 - No Bodily Floods
 - No Makeup

N95 Battelle Information & Update

Process

- Sign-up
- Complete Service Agreement Online (new feature)
- Send in Site Code form
- Prep mask in Site Code
- Mail-in mask to be cleaned
- Receive back to use

N95 Battelle Information & Update

- Mail in Process
 - See Transportation Plan
- Kansas Program Website
 - https://covid.ks.gov/n95-decon-program/
- Having issues with sign up process OR have questions
 - Email seth.konkel82@gmail.com

Federal Update

- Listen in on LeadingAge National's Calls
 - Miss a call? Check out their archive of recordings and daily updates
- Leading Age National's 5 Essential Actions for Older Americans







OLDER AMERICAN LIVES AT STAKE

FIVE ESSENTIAL ACTIONS

Leading Age is demanding urgently needed protections for older adults and the people who care for them



Assurance that states will not reopen without first ensuring older Americans are safe and protected.



Immediate access to ample PPE for all care providers who serve
 older Americans, not just nursing homes. Policymakers must act now to get these providers on the same priority tier as hospitals.



On-demand access to rapid-results testing for older adults and
 their care providers. Aging services providers must also be on the same priority tier as hospitals. Results are needed in minutes, not days or weeks.



Recognition for the heroic frontline workers serving older
 Americans in nursing homes, assisted living, affordable housing, and home and community based settings, including hospice — just as we've recognized hospital workers and others who have kept America running.



Funding and support for aging services providers across the
 continuum of care. In its next relief package, Congress must allocate \$100 billion to cover COVID-19 needs, and provide critical support for aging services: hazard pay for frontline workers, federal housing assistance, support to deliver telehealth, access to loans, Medicaid increases, and administrative relief.

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Communications/Education Update

- Joint Association Social Media Campaign
- 50 Good Stories Campaign
- What are your education plans for rest of year?
 - Poll
 - Open ended: What topics are most important to you right now? Type answers in chat box.











Thinking ahead





Next week guests

Ruth Katz, LeadingAge national Senior VP of Policy & Advocacy Jodi Eyigor, LeadingAge Director of Nursing Home Quality & Policy

Send your questions for Ruth & Jodi to debra@leadingagekansas.org





Thank you!



