



### Today, Let's Remember the Elders of Coronavirus

This campaign gives tribute to the elders who we have lost worldwide during the global pandemic. This health crisis has robbed our communities of elders who greatly contributed to our society and our lives, and has impacted aged care organizations and older adults in countless ways. On July 8, we encourage LeadingAge members, the Global Ageing Network community, care providers, elders, and their families around the world to share photos and videos of candle lightings. [Click here for ways to participate >](#)

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### HUD and Federal Updates - Juliana Bilowich, Director, Housing Operations and Policy – LeadingAge National

- HUD updates
  - Memo on vacancy claims provides special processing guidance – end of March through the end of September will accept vacancy claims that can start from the moveout date to make it more flexible and give properties the opportunity to clean and get a unit ready for occupancy  
<https://www.leadingage.org/regulation/hud-grants-vacancy-claims-flexibility-covid-19>
    - Asking early on for national policy to prioritize health of staff and residents at properties by allowing for extended and increased vacancy claims and 15-day subsidy cutoff for moveouts
  - Physical inspections meeting with REAC  
<https://www.leadingage.org/regulation/hud-leadership-says-%E2%80%9C%9Csafety-first%E2%80%9D-physical-inspections>
    - Concerned about backlog of inspections, repairs
    - REAC has been developing a planned protocol over the past couple of months very much oriented toward health and safety
    - Not planning to resume physical inspections this federal fiscal year (September)
    - 45 days' notice for restarting inspections
    - Will roll out return to operations in phases – senior housing and at risk populations will exempt from first phase of return
    - Would they be inspecting areas that have been closed? They'll follow protocol and if an area is not inspectable, they will not inspect it.
  - Evictions guidance, housing stability brochure  
<https://www.leadingage.org/regulation/hud-issues-evictions-guidance-housing-stability-brochure>
    - Notice and brochure available that complement tenant rent brochure
    - Concern for financial fallout for renters and providers at the end of protections period which ends on July 4
  - CARES Act funds
    - \$50M relief dollars for 202 program, \$1M of which is for service coordination, HUD struggling with IT barriers to get the money out

- In the next 30 days they'll be putting out a way for properties to apply for and request funds – have to show expenses related to COVID-19, not just a blanket payout SO DOCUMENT DOCUMENT DOCUMENT
- Reopening
  - Residents asking for exercise classes once gyms started reopening in the area
  - Mask ordinances being put in place in counties seeing spikes – since halted reopening plans in those areas
    - Maintenance team thoroughly reviewed common area seating arrangements, marked on the floor with tape, notices on the door for masking and room capacity, sanitation stations in laundry rooms/community areas/exercise
    - Bible study because people are fearful to go out to churches
  - Tying opening of spaces (hair salons, exercise rooms) depending on the state guidelines for reopening
  - Hold resident focus groups by phone to get input before reopening