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## ACL COVID-19 Resources

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has released numerous fact sheets and lists of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to assist the network in its COVID-19 response on its COVID-19 website.

Some of the most recent and relevant include:

- **April 8, 2020 FAQs** based on a call with State Unit on Aging (SUA) directors. This FAQ covers topics such as obtaining personal protective equipment (PPE), reporting requirements, fiscal topics, and nutrition services provision.
- **April 15, 2020 FAQs** based on a call with SUA directors, this FAQ covers topics such as state experiences with PPE and increased demand for home-delivered meals, fiscal topics, and senior centers and congregate settings,
- **Fiscal FAQ: Major Disaster Declaration (MDD)**, this FAQ covers the basics of an MDD, including timeframes, definitions, state matching requirements, program income, and reporting requirements.
- **Fiscal FAQ: COVID-19 Emergency**, this FAQ covers the 2020 Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization, the CARES Act funding, transfers, distribution of funding, and other fiscal topics. ACL has begun distributing funds to states.
- **FAQ: Evidence-Based Health Promotion, Disease Prevention Programs**, this FAQ is about OAA Title III-D programs and their operation in the immediate future and long-term.

The website also contains resources specifically for older adults and their families. such as a fact sheet from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and plain language tips for older adults receiving supportive services. The resources are available on a variety of topics and some are offered in Spanish and in YouTube videos conducted in ASL. Visit [acl.gov/covid-19](https://acl.gov/covid-19) to access these resources.

## Make a Gift

We need your help to protect and care for the most vulnerable people in our community—older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers—during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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## Contact Us

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## Third Emergency Stimulus Bill Signed into Law

A third emergency spending bill, the CARES Act, was signed into law on March 27 in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The bill includes hundreds of millions of dollars in emergency funding for Older Americans Act programs. More specifically:

- \$200 million for Title III-B supportive services programs;
- \$480 million for Title III-C nutrition programs;
- \$100 million for Title III-E caregiver support programs;
- \$20 million for Title VI Native American nutrition services;
- \$20 million for Title VII elder abuse programs (including ombudsmen)

The new law also provides funding for other programs impacting older adults, including:

- \$50 million for the HUD Housing for the Elderly program;
- \$900 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- \$450 million for the USDA Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to assist food banks;
- \$200 million for the FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program which provides shelter, food, and supportive services through local service organizations.

On Tuesday, April 21, the Senate passed additional stimulus legislation, including \$335 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, \$60 billion for small business disaster loans, \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion for national coronavirus testing. The legislation is expected to pass the House later this week.