






# OLDER AMERICAN LIVES AT STAKE

## FIVE ESSENTIAL ACTIONS

LeadingAge 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.