Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 17, 2020

**COVID-19 Project Echo Call Today**

Project ECHO connects an interdisciplinary team at the OSU Center for Health Sciences with community providers to discuss treatment for chronic and complex medical conditions. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, OSU-CHS is launching a[COVID-19 Oklahoma Update ECHO](https://health.okstate.edu/echo/covid-19-project-echo.html) to keep healthcare providers updated as the situation changes. Today, April 17th at 1:00 PM, Secretary Shrum/OSU is hosting ECHO specifically on the LTC topic. Appropriate for specifically for administrators and DON's.

ECHO:

Join Zoom from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/713519707>

Press \*6 to mute your line when not speaking

To join via video from Video Conferencing System:

Join by SIP [713519707@zoomcrc.com](mailto:713519707@zoomcrc.com)

Join by H.323

162.255.37.11 (US West)

162.255.36.11 (US East)

Meeting ID: 713 519 707

Join by Skype for Business <https://echo.zoom.us/skype/713519707>

**NEW Webinar - Caring for a Dementia Resident During the COVID-19 Crisis...You've Got to Be Kidding Me...How Can I Keep Them Safe?** **1.25 NAB CEU’s available**  
**Presented by Linda Farrar, LNHA**

**Date:**April 21, 2020

**Time:**2:00PM to 3:15PM CST

**Cost:** Member CEU - $56.65 / Non-Member CEU - $113.30   
**Course Description:**   
Caring for residents with dementia and dementia-related symptoms is a challenge in the best of circumstances. But now with this world-wide pandemic and the necessary restrictions the challenge has become monumental. This webinar, presented by Linda Farrar, RN LNHA will offer staff strategies to deal with those challenges based on the strengths of residents with dementia rather than their weaknesses.

**Register** [here](https://careprovidersoklahoma.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/ep070Qer)

**Lankford Leads Bipartisan Letter to HHS**

Senator James Lankford led a bipartisan [letter](https://www.lankford.senate.gov/news/press-releases/lankford-leads-bipartisan-letter-to-hhs-to-advocate-for-relief-for-senior-communities-and-health-care-workers) joined by 26 Senators to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to ensure that as HHS sets guidelines for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF), they do not overlook the providers within nursing homes, skilled nursing centers, senior living communities, independent living, assisted living, memory care, and continuing care retirement communities who are devotedly caring for our nation’s seniors, as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**COVID-19** [**Update #42**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2042.pdf) **| Where to Turn for Help**

AHCA/NCAL has developed brief [guidance](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Ask-for-Help.pdf) for facilities facing PPE and staffing shortages, as well as other challenges in receiving assistance. It is critically important that you raise the alarm and you document your efforts to obtain support.

**Please complete this Quick Workforce Survey**

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce is partnering Care Providers Oklahoma to help with workforce recruitment.  We have been asked about specific needs in long-term care.  To help facilitate the recruitment strategy, gathering some quick data points on recruitment needs will help prioritize the work with Commerce.  The survey will take 2 minutes to complete.  We appreciate your participation!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G98FQJ5>

**Reminder: Care Providers Oklahoma Office Coverage**

Care Providers Oklahoma staff will continue to work remotely from home as warranted. We are all still here to assist you with whatever needs you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us as necessary.

**Please visit our NEW Care Providers Oklahoma COVID -19 Resource Page**

Care Providers Oklahoma is providing regular [COVID-19 updates](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) via our website including all the AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates and past daily Member Updates.

Long term care and assisted living residents are sheltering in place without visitors to keep them safe from #COVID19. Join Care Providers Oklahoma to brighten up their day and send them a message of support via our Facebook page with hashtag **#CareNotCOVID** [**Facebook Profile Pic Frame**](https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=2905473726207118)