

On Friday April 3, NADSA and LeadingAge jointly sent a letter to Congressional Leaders urging them to include funds specifically for Adult Day Centers in the next Coronavirus emergency legislation. These funds would be used to provide retainer payments to centers with the goal of carrying through the current shut down or reduced census emergency so they will be able to reopen afterwards.

Yesterday, your NADSA team spoke with a senior advisor in Speaker Pelosi's office. She stressed the importance of contacting other Members of Congress to seek their support and to advise the Speaker of their support. Members respond to their own constituents.

It is urgently important for you to contact your Representative and Senators to ask for their support. The best manner to have your letter reach the Member's desk is via email directly from their website. Email from the Member's website prequalifies you via your address so the Member knows you are a constituent.

If you need help identifying who is your Representative and who are your two Senators, use this link: [Find Your Congressional Representative](#). There are several ways to find your Representative and Senators – use whichever is the easiest for you.

After you have found your Representative and Senators using the link above, find the Contact tab on their webpages and click on that. Then click on email. A screen will display a form to complete for the email.

You will need to select an issue to which your email relates from a drop down menu. Select one closest to Emergency Management / Health / Seniors / Disabilities / Veterans. If you have the opportunity to use anything related to emergency, choose that.

If you are asked for a Subject, we recommend this: **CONVID-19 Forcing Permanent Closure of Adult Day Services**

We recommend entering this statement into the message box:

Dear Representative or Senator _____:

Adult Day Services for your elderly constituents, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are an integral component of Home and Community Based Services. Now they are endangered of permanent closure without immediate Congressional assistance. I urgently request your support as detailed in the letter that was sent to the Congressional Leadership on April 3, 2020 found at this link: [NADSA/LeadingAge Letter](#). (Please copy and paste the link to the NADSA/LeadingAge letter which highlights the Adult Day Services industry funding request in response to the COVID-19 emergency.)

(Provide the name of your center, how long you have been closed or had to reduce the number of participants, how many employees you had to furlough or lay off, or other pertinent facts the office can use to convey the overall impact on your center's operations.)

*Thank you for your consideration and please convey your support to your conference leadership! Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.
Sincerely, Name/Title/Organization*

Once you complete your letter, check the box saying you would like a reply. Check the box verifying you are not a robot and click send or submit. You most likely will receive an instant acknowledgement that your message has been received.

After you receive a reply of substance, please share it with NADSA by emailing membereducation@nadsa.org. Doing so will help us to identify legislators who are supportive and those whom we need to educate.

Additionally, please share this information with the caregivers of your clients and urge them to contact their Representative and Senators as well. The more constituents that write, the greater the urgency this issue is given.

Thank you for your time and assistance in promoting Adult Day Services to the Congress and Senate! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lance Roberts, Associate Director of Membership & Education, at membereducation@nadsa.org.