Dear LiveOn NY Members,

LiveOn NY has been closely monitoring issues regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) including city, state, and federal responses and updates. We are working to communicate with leadership at the NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) and the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) directly about the needs of New York’s older adult population, as well as the impacts to service providers during this time.

With this in mind, we ask that you continue to send LiveOn NY your concerns and questions throughout the progression of the outbreak, which we will work to share with the agencies. **LiveOn NY created a form to share aging specific COVID-19 concerns, this will remain open for your responses, here.**

Today, we reached out to DFTA requesting guidance and clarity on a number of concerns we are already aware of, these can be reviewed, here.

We are hopeful that additional guidance will continue to become available to support your work and the populations you serve in the safest way possible.

In the interim, here are a few resources we wanted to make sure you were aware of:

- **NYC Coronavirus webpage** this is the City’s landing page for all Coronavirus related information, which includes:
  - [Interim Covid-19 Guidance for Congregate Settings](#)
  - [CDC Resources for Community and Faith-Based Leaders](#)
  - Text COVID to 692-692 for real-time text alerts from New York City
  - Lawyers Alliance New Legal Alert [Protecting Your Nonprofit from COVID-19](#)

We encourage our sectors continued use of best practices in terms of health and hygiene, as well as our continued vigilance against the discrimination, racism, and xenophobia that has taken form.

Moving forward, should you have any COVID-19 related concerns that you are seeking LiveOn NY’s guidance on or assistance with, please direct these to Andrea Cianfrani, Associate Executive Director, at acianfrani@liveon-ny.org who will be organizing LiveOn NY’s response to this evolving situation.

In addition to COVID-19, LiveOn NY also remains acutely aware of the importance of the forthcoming Census “Get Out the Count” efforts. Given this, we are proud to share the following resources recently released by the New York Academy of Medicine:

- A new **publication**, “Get Out the Count: Strategies for Optimizing 2020 Census Participation Among Older People”
- A **webinar** on how to utilize this toolkit and best practices for engaging older adults

LiveOn NY will be sharing more information on our work to ensure an accurate Census 2020 count in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your important work,

The LiveOn NY Team