The Pandemic and Social Isolation: Considerations to Support LGBT Older Adults

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• Founded in 1978
• Largest and oldest national organization dedicated to LGBT Aging
• Aging voice in LGBT community & LGBT voice in Aging Community

Poll Question #1
Do you currently know or work with LGBT older adults?

a) Yes
b) No
c) Not sure
Poll Question #2

How Do You Describe Yourself?

a) LGBT Older Adult
b) Friend or Family of LGBT Older Adult
c) Aging Professional or Volunteer
d) University Student
e) Interested Community Member
f) Other – please list in chat

U.S. Older Adult Population Growth: 2000-2030

55+ LGBT today: 3 million
55+ LGBT in 2030: 7 million

National Resources for LGBT Older People & Older People living with HIV

Prepare for COVID-19
COVID-19 Resources
Residents' Rights and the LGBT Community
My Personal Directions

www.lgbtagingcenter.org/covid-19
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COVID-19 Exasperates LGBT Older Adult Challenges

- Social Isolation
- Reliance of Chose Family
- Many Reside in Long-term Communities
- Risk of Health Disparities = High Risk of COVID Complications
- Lack of Access to LGBT welcoming health services
- Financial Insecurity

SAGE Response

Phone/Video Call Support Program

sageusa.org
SAGECents

Digital Wellness App
sageusa.org

Virtual Programs

SAGE National LGBT Elder Hotline

Coming out as an older adult and looking for support?
The SAGE Hotline is open 24/7 in English & Spanish:
877-360-LGBT
SAGE National LGBT Elder Hotline

It's always nice to have someone to talk to who truly understands you and where you're coming from.
SAGE participant

Take Action – Friend, Family, Ally

- Reach Out
- Stay Connected
- Assist with Planning
- Volunteer

www.lgbtagingcenter.org/COVID-19
www.lgbtagingcenter.org/caregiving

Take Action – Professional/Organization

- Assess organization policies and procedures
- Develop Outreach Plans
- Partner with LGBT organizations
- LGBT Inclusive Vaccine Campaign

www.lgbtagingcenter.org/guides
www.lgbtagingcenter.org/planningtools
Let's be stronger together.

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