



**LEADINGAGE CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT AND CEO TO SERVE ON
CORONAVIRUS COMMISSION FOR SAFETY AND QUALITY IN NURSING HOMES**

National commission's recommendations integral to protecting residents throughout the pandemic

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SACRAMENTO, Calif – LeadingAge California today announced that Jeannee Parker Martin has been appointed to the independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes. The national commission is charged with assessing the COVID-19 response within nursing homes and making recommendations to inform ongoing efforts to safeguard the older adult population and prepare for future public health threats.

Jeannee Parker Martin is president and chief executive officer of [LeadingAge California](http://LeadingAgeCalifornia.com), whose members include the state's leading nonprofit providers of older adult living and care.

"The Commission must look beyond COVID-19 and future public health emergencies to consider the best path forward for the industry and the vulnerable patients they serve, said Martin. "As a Commissioner, I am committed to advancing innovation in workforce management, staffing models and technology integration to improve care and access in skilled nursing facilities. I'm excited by the possibilities to help lead meaningful change in this sector."

Martin is one of 25 commissioners selected from more than 800 applicants. Commissioners include stakeholders, researchers, consumer advocates and representatives from long-term care and aging services. Together, they will identify best practices for the identification and mitigation of COVID-19, create recommendations on infection control policies and the improvement of care delivery and responsiveness during an emergency, and leverage new data sources to help the industry mitigate future outbreaks and emergencies.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the [formation of the Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes](#) on May 14. The commission will hold its first virtual meeting on June 23 and will complete its work through the delivery of a report on findings and recommendations to CMS on September 1.

About LeadingAge California

[LeadingAge California](#) represents California's broadest spectrum of providers of housing, care and services, serving hundreds of thousands of older adults. It launched the [Age On. Rage On.](#) campaign to spotlight the urgent need to develop a Master Plan for Aging in California. [Click here to read the latest news by LeadingAge California.](#)

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