

# Let's Get Back Together Safely!

**Community Based Adult Services (CBAS)** and Adult Day Centers support community living for low-income, vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities to avoid nursing homes and costly hospital visits.

To keep participants safe and healthy during the pandemic, in-center services have been limited. Center teams conduct weekly wellness checks and health assessments, deliver meals and vital supplies such as masks, conduct on-line activities, arrange for vaccinations, and provide many other supportive services.



**Even with this intensive person-centered support, two years of social isolation have taken a tremendous emotional and physical toll on participants and caregivers. COVID isn't going away, but there is a way to get back together safely in their centers.**

By fortifying centers with evidence-based ventilation improvements, expanded and repurposed outdoor space, and heightened critical infection control measures, testing and masking, centers can greatly reduce the risk of transmission and illness.

To do this effectively, they need financial help to offset costly facility and infection control improvements.

**Take Action Today!** →

**Join the campaign to support the Bridge to Recovery Grant Program to fund critical safety improvements—to protect our seniors at California's CBAS and Adult Day Centers.**

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## What is the Bridge to Recovery Grant Program?

For the 2022-2023 budget, CAADS is proposing one-time funding for a grant program that will fund COVID mitigation measures for Adult Day Centers. A multi-year budget request of \$61.4 million must be approved, along with legislation (AB 2331) to create the grant program.

## What will it cover?

Proposed uses of grant funds include:

- Building Ventilation and Air Flow Filtration systems and upgrades
- Adding/Modifying usable space for social distancing
- Sanitation and Infection Control Measures
- Support for Workforce Recruitment and Temporary Health Workers

## When will Adult Day Centers be able to apply for a grant?

If approved by the legislature and Governor Newsom, centers will be able to apply for grants after July 1, 2022. There is a similar program for child care facilities underway now.

## What can I do to help ensure this program is funded?

Make your voice heard! Legislators are taking input while the budget is being finalized. Let them know how COVID has impacted participant and family access to Adult Day Services and how important it is to get back together again safely at their center.

## Take Action Now to Support the Bridge to Recovery Grant Program!

Funding this grant program requires approval by the legislature and governor as the California budget is being finalized. Your Voice is needed NOW to help them understand why this funding is so critical.

You can help by calling and emailing your legislators and asking them to fund CAADS' Bridge to Recovery grant program to protect our seniors.

*Through research, we know that the negative health consequences of social isolation include impaired mental performance, a compromised immune system, and a heightened risk of chronic disease, as well as depression. The health risks of prolonged isolation are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.*

– National Council on Aging

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