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Oasis and BellAge unveil online COVID-19 self-assessment tool Take CV19 CheckUp to determine your risks

St. Louis, MO – Oasis, in partnership with BellAge, is proud to announce the launch of CV19 CheckUp, an innovative online questionnaire designed to assess individual risks associated with COVID-19. The tool is free, takes about 10 minutes to complete, and requires absolutely no personal information. Not even a name or email address is needed to use it. After answering CV19 CheckUp questions, respondents receive immediate results instantly displayed in a report unique to them. Scores indicate personal risk of getting the COVID-19 virus and spreading it to others based on current health, living situation, habits and behavior.

The report answers questions such as:

- How likely am I to get COVID-19 or spread it to others?
- If I get COVID-19, how severe would it likely be?
- What steps can I take to reduce my risks of getting COVID-19?
- Where can I find help to ensure my needs are met during the pandemic?

Recommendations and local resources are also included in the results. St. Louis residents are encouraged to take CV19 CheckUp to determine individual risks by visiting www.oasisnet.org/covid.

“The Oasis Institute is thrilled to partner with BellAge, with support from the St. Louis County CARES Act, in the promotion and implementation of the CV19 CheckUp resource,” says Oasis Institute President Paul Weiss. “This powerful online risk assessment tool helps people of all ages, but particularly older adults who have experienced the most isolation, and who face the highest risk of severe symptoms and death from COVID-19. The questions cover a range of subjects including individualized behavior education, risk mitigation, and healthy habits. CV19

CheckUp prompts people to list behaviors, health conditions, habits and living situations to understand the impact of choices and risk of COVID-19 infection, symptom severity, and potential of spreading the disease. The answers generate a customized and scored risk assessment, and suggestions for making behavioral changes to lower their risks. We are proud that St. Louis is the first municipality in the country to introduce CV19 CheckUp! We believe the partnership between St. Louis County, The Oasis Institute, and BellAge will help community residents better mitigate their risk of infection and improve public health outcomes, while providing leadership to other municipalities in our collective effort to blunt the pandemic and improve health outcomes locally, regionally, and nationally.”

CV19 CheckUp employs artificial intelligence to analyze information. Algorithms are driven by science and medicine, using data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Jim Firman, chief innovation officer for BellAge, explains that CV19 CheckUp was developed to fill an urgent public need. “Our team realized that although there are many resources with information about the virus, all of them require a lot of effort by the user. The average person has to spend considerable time on numerous websites, digging through pages of information looking for answers that are relevant to their specific situation,” said Firman. “CV19 CheckUp does the work for them. We developed a hyper-personalized tool that makes it easy for anyone to understand their level of risk and take steps to reduce those risks.” In addition, BellAge is pleased about the partnership with St. Louis. “We are delighted that St. Louis is the first municipality in the country to introduce CV19 CheckUp. We expect many others will follow St Louis’s lead,” said Firman.

To take CV19 CheckUp, visit www.oasisnet.org/covid. This project is funded by the St. Louis County CARES Act.

About Oasis

Founded in St. Louis, Missouri nearly 40 years ago, Oasis is one of the nation’s leading providers of programming older adults seek to continue lifelong learning, social engagement and health and wellness activities. The Oasis mission embodies a three-fold approach that experts agree makes getting older more stimulating and productive. As a pioneer in healthy aging, Oasis is committed to enriching the lives of adults by providing exemplary programs that foster growth and promote successful aging. For more information on Oasis, visit www.stloasis.org.

About BellAge, Inc.

BellAge, Inc. is a public benefit company founded in April 2020 by nationally recognized leaders in aging, technology and artificial intelligence. The company’s mission is to help millions of older adults across the world age better through systems that use artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. BellAge’s first expert system, CV19 CheckUp, was developed to provide hyper-personalized assistance by educating and informing people of their risk levels associated with COVID-19 and offering recommendations about how to mitigate those risks. More information is at www.bellage.org.

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