

## PIT Count Office Hours

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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January 12, 2022                      1:30 PM                      from Micah Webster to everyone:                      PIT

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January 12, 2022                      1:30 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: Here is a link to all PIT count office hours: [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=41d93284a8-2021\\_HIC\\_and\\_PIT\\_Count\\_Updates\\_for\\_CoCs\\_11\\_16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#pit-count-office-hours](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=41d93284a8-2021_HIC_and_PIT_Count_Updates_for_CoCs_11_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#pit-count-office-hours)

January 12, 2022                      1:30 PM                      from Vivian Walker to everyone:                      I cannot hear anything. Do I need to adjust my screen?

January 12, 2022                      1:31 PM                      from Therese Everly to everyone:                      Will this be recorded and sent out later?

January 12, 2022                      1:31 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: @vivian - you can call into the call by dialing +1-415-655-0002 and entering the access code: 2439 221 4103

January 12, 2022                      1:32 PM                      from Hilery Lopez-Foster to everyone: Theresa yes it will be on HUD Exchange

January 12, 2022                      1:32 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: @therese - yes we will withing a few business days on HUD exchange

January 12, 2022                      1:32 PM                      from Kyra Henderson to everyone:                      Our PIT covers upwards of 50 counties with varying degrees of COVID-19 infection rates at this point. Many are seeing the cases increasing on a daily basis and their infection rates are hitting all-time highs since the pandemic began.

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Numerous communities have expressed significant health and safety concerns with collecting the data and/or asking volunteers to put themselves at risk and have decided not to count. The Texas Balance of State's priority is to not contribute to the spread of COVID-19 and keeping all participants and our unhoused neighbors safe. We would like to know how we can opt-out of collecting and reporting the unsheltered count even though we opted out in 2021.

January 12, 2022      1:34 PM      from Amy Stewart to everyone:      is there a deadline to request that extension?

January 12, 2022      1:34 PM      from Amy Stewart to everyone:      or exception until Feb I should say

January 12, 2022      1:34 PM      from Bobbin Paskell to everyone:      Can you please clarify if an unsheltered count was completed in 2021, is it required to still do it in 2022? Asking for a friend lol (actually, literally asking for someone else :) )

January 12, 2022      1:35 PM      from Lynn Suchwalko to everyone:      Would we need to move to the last 10 days of February, or could we ask for an extension of just a couple weeks - so mid-February? Thank you

January 12, 2022      1:35 PM      from Nate First to everyone:      So this extension could be for any date in February? Thanks for your flexibility.

January 12, 2022      1:35 PM      from Michelle Spencer to everyone:      Thank you for being so quick on your response in approving for AR-500, really appreciated!!!

January 12, 2022      1:35 PM      from Sue Legal to all panelists:      We conducted an unsheltered and sheltered count last year. If we decide not to complete the unsheltered do we need to request a waiver or do any notification?

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January 12, 2022      1:36 PM      from Amy Stewart to everyone:      And to clarify - does the sheltered count and HIC need to coincide out in Feb as well if the exception is granted?

January 12, 2022      1:36 PM      from Ana Gregg to everyone: Can I have these slides emailed to me?

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Alicia LaPatra to everyone:      Can you post that link in the chat please?

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Susy Rojas to everyone: If we postpone our PIT date, should we align our HIC date with the PIT?

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Christie Bonomo-Gose to host (privately):      I second the request for the exception request submission deadline through February 1st, since it is our intent to conduct the PIT unless our street outreach team is affected by COVID which we wouldn't know until the day of the count.

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Scott Smith to everyone:      will we get a copy of the presentation?

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Jett Black-Maertz to everyone: We cannot fund gift cards, but can we provide cash incentives for Volunteers and survey participants?

January 12, 2022      1:37 PM      from Micah Webster to all panelists: from Christie Bonomo-Gose to host (privately): 1:37 PM

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January 12, 2022      1:38 PM      from Jake Cleverley to everyone:      Can we do a full observational count again? Or do we need to push for interviews this year?

January 12, 2022      1:38 PM      from Chris Davis to everyone: Our community is facing a major surge in COVID-19 cases right now, and our local health authority has recently moved us back to the highest level of safety guidelines. These guidelines for high-risk individuals - both vaccinated and unvaccinated - recommend no gatherings with people outside your household, even outdoors. Meanwhile, our region is seeing a shortage of available ICU beds, down to fewer than 50 total for our 11-county region as of yesterday. Given the high risks associated with COVID-19 for people living unsheltered, will communities like ours have the option to submit an exception to an in-person count as allowed last year? If so, can the same alternate methodology approved last year be used to submit a full unsheltered count this year?

January 12, 2022      1:38 PM      from Alicia LaPatra to everyone:  
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Paying-for-HIC-and-PIT-Count-Activities-with-ESG-and-ESG-CV-Funding.pdf>

January 12, 2022      1:39 PM      from Tori Morris to everyone: This presentation will be available within a few business days on HUD exchange at this link:  
[https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=41d93284a8-2021\\_HIC\\_and\\_PIT\\_Count\\_Updates\\_for\\_CoCs\\_11\\_16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#pit-count-office-hours](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=41d93284a8-2021_HIC_and_PIT_Count_Updates_for_CoCs_11_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-41d93284a8-19554637#pit-count-office-hours)

January 12, 2022      1:39 PM      from Christina Capobianco to everyone:      So there are specific street outreach costs OR does street outreach and admin have to both come out of Admin costs?

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January 12, 2022                      1:40 PM                      from Loni Aadalen to all panelists:                      Besides ESG/ESG-CV funds, can CoC Planning Grant also pay for PPE and/or hand sanitizer for the upcoming PIT Count?

January 12, 2022                      1:41 PM                      from Patrick Dodds to everyone:                      In the past, we've used Planning funds to pay for food for volunteers. Is that acceptable?

January 12, 2022                      1:41 PM                      from Michael Woods to everyone:                      If the gift cards are for something like Dunkin Donuts, wouldn't the entire expense on the cards be allowed? Would we still have to track?

January 12, 2022                      1:41 PM                      from Tomi Steinruck to everyone:                      if we did an unsheltered count last year do we have to do the unsheltered count again this year? we were told we didn't have to do a count of the unsheltered, just the sheltered this year

January 12, 2022                      1:42 PM                      from Jennifer O'Reilly-Jones to everyone:                      Can ESG-CV funds ONLY be used for COVID-related PIT costs such as PPE and coordinating/planning COVID-related safety measures, or can ESG-CV funds be used for any PIT-related cost such as general planning/coordinating (admin) and purchasing socks/hats/gloves to distribute during the count (street outreach)?

January 12, 2022                      1:42 PM                      from Paroma Nandi to everyone:                      Is there way to do a combination of Method 1 and 2?

January 12, 2022                      1:43 PM                      from Nissy New to everyone: In the email from HICPICcount@gov on Monday, it was stated that the count has to be the last 10 days of February. Do we have the ability to now to move it to any timeframe in February?

January 12, 2022                      1:43 PM                      from Riley Cockrell to everyone:                      If we do an observational count and sampling through street outreach in the days following the count, can we use ESG-CV funds for food for PEH while collecting sampling surveys?

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January 12, 2022            1:44 PM            from William Snow to everyone:            @Kyra - there are a few pieces to your question. First, if you did an unsheltered PIT count in 2021 then you are not required to do the unsheltered PIT count in 2022 (but you will need to do the sheltered count and the HIC). If you did not count in 2021 you have a regulatory requirement to count. Many CoCs are taking advantage of the option to count at a later date. The data suggests even a few weeks may provide critical safety given the Omicron wave. Second, there was a question in the 2021 CoC Competition asking if your CoC is committing to conducting a count. We can't speak to the implications of answering yes to that and not counting. We would have to address this in the 2022 CoC NOFO and I am prohibited from speaking about specific NOFO provisions if the NOFO is not yet public.

January 12, 2022            1:44 PM            from Candice Stanford to everyone:            So we are not counting people on the street directly? Only people sleeping in a structure?

January 12, 2022            1:45 PM            from Ann Isaac to everyone:            Does the count have to be completed in the last 10 days of February?

January 12, 2022            1:46 PM            from Loni Aadalen to everyone:            Besides ESG/ESG-CV funds, can CoC Planning Grant also pay for PPE and/or hand sanitizer for the upcoming PIT Count?

January 12, 2022            1:46 PM            from William Snow to everyone:            @Amy - we would expect that extension requests would come in before the last 10 days of January. However, when we have had natural disasters in the past we have been flexible in granting extensions in that last week of January for safety reasons.

January 12, 2022            1:47 PM            from Rachael Clineff to everyone:            For how many days following the night of the count can we collect data?

January 12, 2022            1:48 PM            from Jillian Bissell to all panelists:            When counting structures do we determine if they are experiencing homelessness based on what they tell us or their situation? The reason I ask is because some people that are living in cars or RVs without water and electricity might not consider themselves homeless.

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January 12, 2022                      1:48 PM                      from William Snow to everyone:                      @Bobbin - if a CoC conducted an unsheltered PIT count in 2021 (either full or partial) and submitted the data to HUD the CoC is not required to conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022 (though the CoC should still be conducting a sheltered count and HIC)

January 12, 2022                      1:48 PM                      from Candice Stanford to everyone:                      Thank you.

January 12, 2022                      1:49 PM                      from William Snow to everyone:                      @Lynn - you could move your count to a later date that makes sense to your CoC. Dates in February are pretty easy for us to approve. If you are asking for a date in March we will have some follow up questions for you to ensure you can submit your data by the data submission timeline.

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: here is a link to the landing page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#2022-pit-count-and-hic-guidance-and-training>

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from William Snow to everyone:                      @Sue - if you conducted a sheltered and unsheltered PIT count in 2021 you do not need to submit anything to HUD to state you are not conducting an unsheltered count in 2022.

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from Michael Daniels to all panelists: Can we do the PIT Count over multiple days during a designated week instead of one day?

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from Amanda Sternberg to all panelists:                      If you do the sampling, how to you report on the requirement demographic information (age, gender, race, and ethnicity) for that portion of the sample that you did not actually interview to get this information? Do we extrapolate to "fill in" the missing demographic information?

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<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3322/point-in-time-survey-tools/>

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from Lisa Snipes to everyone: @patrick - how were you able to use CoC Planning Grant funds to provide food for volunteers? Under what category?

January 12, 2022                      1:50 PM                      from Rene Mitchell to everyone:                      good afternoon  
everyone  
Ceo Renee Mitchell  
Ceo of Breaking The Cycle Drop Corp.  
person with lived experience from nyc

January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from Lynn Suchwalko to everyone:                      Thank you Mr. Snow  
The email that came out this week said we would need to move our count to the last 10 days in February - we were wondering if we could count earlier in February - and it seems as if that is true. Correct?

January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from William Snow to everyone:                      @Susy - yes, if you move your unsheltered PIT count that moves your entire count (including the sheltered PIT count date and HIC date) - those should all happen at the same timeframe.

January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from Candice Stanford to everyone:                      I have never done this before so this may sound like a silly question, but are we just counting or are we engaging? If so, what are we discussing?

January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: link to counting people in structures guidance: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6562/counting-people-in-structures-for-the-pit-count/>

January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from Tucker Morgan to everyone:                      If our state emergency rental assistance program is paying for hotel stays in general, not specifically as non-congregate shelter, should any or all of those be counted as emergency shelter?



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January 12, 2022                      1:51 PM                      from Kyra Henderson to everyone:                      @William- We did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, so we are aware that we are required at this point to participate. From what we have been reading, the Texas surge isn't anticipated to peak until mid-February. Trying to convince 50+ counties to move their date with no guarantee that COVID transmission rates will be down doesn't seem feasible. So essentially we will just have to continue as planned even though the data we will be gathering will be highly inaccurate? Will HUD take into consideration that capturing this data during a viral surge will negatively impact our overall PIT estimate?

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Felicia Vargas to everyone:                      Last year CoC's could survey people over the phone. This year, can CoC partners and CES staff conduct the Unsheltered PIT survey over the phone with people who call in seeking services?

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Zach Guthrie to everyone:                      What is the last day that CoC's can request the exception for the PIT count to be moved to February?

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: here's a link to the current extrapolation tool: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6218/how-to-use-sampling-within-a-coc-to-conduct-an-unsheltered-pit-count/>

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Gayle Nelson to all panelists:                      Thank you for your time and sharing this info & Tools!

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Natalie McCleskey to everyone: If we conducted a full 2021 Count and decide to forego an unsheltered count in 2022 are there any repercussions for opting out in 2022?

January 12, 2022                      1:52 PM                      from Bonnie Wallace to everyone:                      What Jake Cleverly asked...

January 12, 2022                      1:53 PM                      from Amira Djulovic to host (privately):                      Due to omicron, are we allowed to do aggregate data sheets in those facilities that do not participate in HMIS?

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January 12, 2022      1:53 PM      from Eneshal Miller to everyone:      great question.

January 12, 2022      1:53 PM      from Denise G to everyone:      For Sheltered PIT can we count a provider as "HMIS Participating" if they only enter client information in HMIS for PIT. Meaning they only enter the clients in HMIS that were in the facility on the PIT night... or would they need to enter all client information that was in the facility for the entire year?

January 12, 2022      1:53 PM      from Laura Thielen to everyone:      How do we count people possibly in isolation and quarantine facilities?

January 12, 2022      1:54 PM      from Micah Webster to all panelists:      from Amira Djulovic to host (privately):      1:53 PM

Due to omicron, are we allowed to do aggregate data sheets in those facilities that do not participate in HMIS?

January 12, 2022      1:54 PM      from Brenna Bernardin to everyone:      Extrapolating data (like the car example) provides a guesstimate about a count. That doesn't give gender, status, or veteran status. How do we gather correct information on demographics?

January 12, 2022      1:54 PM      from Rene Mitchell to everyone:      from nyc why is unshelter homeless not counted in data

January 12, 2022      1:55 PM      from Hilery Lopez-Foster to everyone: I am looking for the PIT Survey Tool can you please send the link for that in HUD Exchange?

January 12, 2022      1:56 PM      from Tori Morris to everyone: Yes, Hilery! Here's the link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3322/point-in-time-survey-tools/>

January 12, 2022      1:56 PM      from Hilery Lopez-Foster to everyone: Thank you Tori

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January 12, 2022                      1:56 PM                      from Chris Davis to everyone: Thank you!

January 12, 2022                      1:57 PM                      from Grant Peters to everyone:                      where can I find the guidance on eligible ESG/ESG-CV activities for the PIT?

January 12, 2022                      1:57 PM                      from Dorothy Kennedy to host & presenter:                      I missed the end of the Hotel count response. Could someone type the answer?

January 12, 2022                      1:57 PM                      from Angie Wilson to all panelists:                      To clarify, by HUD's definition, those who are in a sheltering program (of any sort, warming shelter, etc) would be counted as part of the sheltered count?

January 12, 2022                      1:57 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: Hi Grant - here's the link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6561/paying-for-pit-count-activities-with-esg-and-esgcv-funding/>

January 12, 2022                      1:57 PM                      from Grant Peters to everyone:                      Thank you!

January 12, 2022                      1:58 PM                      from Paisley Stewart to everyone:                      For substance use disorder and SPMI do individuals need to have a previous diagnosis to be counted?

January 12, 2022                      1:58 PM                      from Frank T. to everyone:                      Would a household be included in the pit count if the family owns the lot or leases (govt lease) the lot and is living in a shed like structure with no official connection to power, water or sewer?

January 12, 2022                      1:58 PM                      from Eneshal Miller to everyone:                      How would outreach volunteers make sure that unhoused residents who couch surf because there is no beds available receive services through the PIT count?

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January 12, 2022                      1:58 PM                      from Kristen Kerns to everyone:                      We have a very small staff and are doing everything we can to take precautions regarding COVID as if a few staff members contract COVID it could hinder operations for our clients. It is also unlikely that any volunteers will help due to COVID. Would our small staff/operations be a reason for an exception this year?

January 12, 2022                      1:59 PM                      from Keianna Pierre Louis to everyone:                      Are CoCs able to conduct a fully observational PIT Count due to COVID?

January 12, 2022                      1:59 PM                      from Carolyn Back to all panelists:                      We have thought about doing a service site survey only count i.e. asking folks who come in for services where they slept the night-of, street outreach surveying the week following, working with community partners to do service site surveys. what are your thoughts about something like this?

January 12, 2022                      1:59 PM                      from Jeffery Wright to everyone:                      how will the logistics be set up for local

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January 12, 2022                      2:00 PM                      from Nissy New to everyone:                      Regarding utilizing ESG CV2 for pay for street outreach staff. Is that only for the recipient of ESG CV 2 funds or can a lead agency pay for our CoC agency staff?

January 12, 2022                      2:01 PM                      from Dina Ciabattone to everyone:                      The PIT Notice states that we should not ask about the nature or severity of a person's disability. However we are asked to collect data on Additional Homeless Populations which includes health information (i.e. SUD, MH, HIV/AIDS etc). Any guidance on how we gather this information without asking specific health questions?

January 12, 2022                      2:01 PM                      from Jett Black-Maertz to everyone:                      Same question as Nissy

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January 12, 2022                      2:01 PM                      from Amy Smetana to everyone:                      If our COVID cases are low we can still go ahead with the Jan 26th date, correct?

January 12, 2022                      2:01 PM                      from Monique Williams to everyone: is data reports included in the extension?

January 12, 2022                      2:02 PM                      from Raina Smith-Roller to everyone: No requirement to do an unsheltered count this year even if you received an exception last year to use Coordinated Entry data, correct?

January 12, 2022                      2:03 PM                      from Courtney Cochran to everyone: Back to use of planning grant funds, could planning grant be used to purchase for ex. socks to handout to unsheltered folks who participate in the survey?

January 12, 2022                      2:05 PM                      from Claudia Powell to everyone:                      In our community we engage over 300 volunteers and cover over 9000 square miles that includes urban , suburban, and rural areas. COVID is terrible here-like everywhere else-but we don't think we can reengage volunteers if we move the count and there is no reason to assume COVID will be better then. Arizona struggles. Is there ANY chance that the count might be canceled for those who postpone until Feb?

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January 12, 2022                      2:05 PM                      from Rene Mitchell to everyone:                      nyc unshelter are under bridge, in trains, in park, under squalor ,in abandoned building its impossible to go all these places in less you have outreach team willing to go into these places .

January 12, 2022                      2:06 PM                      from Kristen Kerns to everyone:                      same question as Claudia - our county in Arizona only has 24% of individuals vaccinated and we are out of beds.

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January 12, 2022      2:06 PM      from Ashley Wynn to everyone:      If a CoC is granted an exception and is allowed to conduct their PIT Count in February, does their HIC date need to be adjusted to match the PIT Date?

January 12, 2022      2:06 PM      from Eneshal Miller to everyone:      great question?

January 12, 2022      2:07 PM      from Melissa Stevenson to everyone: Rene - NYC conducts an unsheltered PIT count every year through the HOPE count. More info here:  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/outreach/hope.page>

January 12, 2022      2:07 PM      from Michelle Skagen to everyone:      I want to make sure I completely understand the sheltered count: so tents, sheds, cars, RV's count as sheltered? What about a make-shift shelter made of wood, like under the highway?

January 12, 2022      2:07 PM      from Tori Morris to everyone: @Ashley - yes your HIC and PIT count date will need to match.

January 12, 2022      2:08 PM      from Kyra Henderson to everyone:      Same question as @Claudia: "Is there ANY chance that the count might be canceled for those who postpone until Feb?"

January 12, 2022      2:08 PM      from Heather Hutton to everyone:      Is Counting Us the name of the App everyone is using nationwide?

January 12, 2022      2:08 PM      from Deanna Bretado-Chavez to everyone:      Couldn't hear the question

January 12, 2022      2:09 PM      from Jake Cleverley to everyone:      Can we do a full observational count like last year? Or do we have to do interviews like in past years?

January 12, 2022      2:09 PM      from Nate First to everyone:      @Deanna - question was whether folks couch surfing should be included on the PIT

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January 12, 2022      2:09 PM      from Alesia McGlocton to everyone:    Have there been any changes or updates to how those who serve domestic violence survivors will complete the PIT?

January 12, 2022      2:09 PM      from Caitlin Rodgers to everyone:    Central Oregon is collecting info on our precariously housed/ doubled up for our local data and removing it for the sake of the PIT count and what we report to HUD.

January 12, 2022      2:10 PM      from Claudia Powell to everyone:    If we don't ask further questions about disabilities, the data will not be able to be properly entered into HMIS. Please advise. Thank you!

January 12, 2022      2:10 PM      from Eneshal Miller to everyone:    thank you

January 12, 2022      2:10 PM      from Andrea Carey to everyone:    That's a helpful reminder William that there's a statutory limit on who is submitted!

January 12, 2022      2:11 PM      from Katie Cahill-Holloway to everyone:    my state has multiple CoCs (Massachusetts) and we all work collaboratively to align the date of our PIT count statewide. many of our CoCs are planning to request the waiver to conduct the count in February due to the omicron surge. should each CoC request the waiver or would HUD consider one letter on behalf of the MA CoCs?

January 12, 2022      2:11 PM      from Maggie Honaker to everyone:    Can we leave surveys with our churches who pay for hotel rooms? They have the closest contact with families they are putting into hotels.

January 12, 2022      2:12 PM      from Ana Gregg to everyone:    What Maggie Honaker asked.

January 12, 2022      2:12 PM      from Deanna Bretado-Chavez to everyone:    @Nate - Thank you

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January 12, 2022                      2:12 PM                      from Malinda Morrello to host & presenter:    Can you repost the slide the states the information needed to request an extension, please?

January 12, 2022                      2:13 PM                      from Arielle Benson to everyone:            In our community we have a large number of individuals moving in and out of hotels, that are not formally entering a shelter project - in terms of entry into HMIS. With the time limited nature of their hotel stays, would these folks be considered unsheltered? if they are in hotel on the night of the PIT? or should they be included in the sheltered count?

January 12, 2022                      2:13 PM                      from Alicia LaPatra to everyone:            Will there be allowances for missing HMIS data if we use ESG CV funds and set-up the street outreach project? We collect most of the data on our surveys, but required data elements as the "date of engagement" would be blank

January 12, 2022                      2:15 PM                      from Anne Cooper to everyone:            Can we use ESG CV volunteer pay to pay volunteers to survey?

January 12, 2022                      2:15 PM                      from Eric Moran to everyone: I live in a very rural area in the North Country NH. I think if we could have a staff at all the local Pizza places and offer 2 slices would that be possible. the only things we have everywhere are pizza places

January 12, 2022                      2:15 PM                      from GLORIA CALDWELL to everyone: Can we pay for backpacks?

January 12, 2022                      2:15 PM                      from Catherine Huang to everyone:    If there is no gift cards or cash, what are suggestions for compensating those with lived experience who are helping as enumerators?

January 12, 2022                      2:16 PM                      from Kim Altomare to everyone:            Some of Our agencies are struggling with the homeless and COVID-19 populations, and our clients calling and coming in to the rural RCO's and other agencies is way down in Carroll and COOS counts. in New Hampshire.



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January 12, 2022      2:16 PM      from Jett Black-Maertz to everyone:    ^ I second Catherine's question

January 12, 2022      2:17 PM      from Michelle Herrera to everyone:    Hi, Off topic: Who can we call to find out the name and contact info. of our new Field Officer.

January 12, 2022      2:18 PM      from Brittany Emswiler to everyone:    Do we count clients who are in hotel paid for with ERA dollars?

January 12, 2022      2:20 PM      from Felicia Vargas to everyone:      Last year CoC's could survey people over the phone. This year, can CoC partners and CES staff conduct the Unsheltered PIT survey over the phone with people who call in seeking services?

January 12, 2022      2:20 PM      from Sue Legal to all panelists:      How are warming shelters counted? As sheltered or unsheltered?

January 12, 2022      2:20 PM      from Keianna Pierre Louis to everyone:      What is the penalty if our Administration decides to completely opt out of the unsheltered PIT Count due to COVID? Our Community didn't conduct an unsheltered count in 2021.

January 12, 2022      2:20 PM      from Tori Morris to everyone:  
H[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/pit-count?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=196ba2a899-2022\\_PIT\\_COUNT\\_NOTICE\\_OFFICE\\_HOURS\\_2021%2F11%2F17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-19663807](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/pit-count?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=196ba2a899-2022_PIT_COUNT_NOTICE_OFFICE_HOURS_2021%2F11%2F17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-19663807)ere's the link to the HIC and PIT count Notice:

January 12, 2022      2:20 PM      from Clarissa Stajcar to everyone:      are we including Youth and Young adults in the count this year? How are we going about capturing this information.

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January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Melissa McWhinney to everyone:                      We have a large CoC and intend to use sampling because we are not using volunteers and are relying on rapidly thinning outreach staff and police. If we do observation on PIT night in the subareas, and then do surveys after in the sub-areas, is the demographic information from the surveys extrapolated to the observed subareas?

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Michelle Skagen to everyone:                      One county in our CoC yielded an extremely low count last year due to various reasons. Does that mean we should do unsheltered and sheltered? Example: last year the count was 8, but our BNL indicates over 100.

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Sarah Johnson to everyone:                      If someone has asked this I apologize but want to be clear - we have an exception to delay the unsheltered count to last 10 days Feb. Is that applicable only to unsheltered, so we do the sheltered count as usual - last wk Jan.? Or are both done in Feb.?

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Marcella Gange to everyone:                      Would you repeat the point that was made by William Snow and the use of CE data in 2021 and how that impacts 2022?  
Thank you

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: Here's the link to the HIC and PIT count Notice: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/pit-count?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=196ba2a899-2022\\_PIT\\_COUNT\\_NOTICE\\_OFFICE\\_HOURS\\_2021%2F11%2F17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-19663807](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/pit-count?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=196ba2a899-2022_PIT_COUNT_NOTICE_OFFICE_HOURS_2021%2F11%2F17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-19663807)

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Erika Doshier to everyone:                      Just so I'm understanding the survey instruments we're using are from the HUD exchange site correct?

January 12, 2022                      2:21 PM                      from Kim Altomare to everyone:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/pit-count?utm\\_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=196ba2a899-2022\\_PIT\\_COUNT\\_NOTICE\\_OFFICE\\_HOURS\\_2021%2F11%2F17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-1966380](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/pit-count?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=196ba2a899-2022_PIT_COUNT_NOTICE_OFFICE_HOURS_2021%2F11%2F17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-196ba2a899-1966380)

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January 12, 2022      2:22 PM      from Melvin Stamps to everyone:      Can Coc use planning funds to purchase gift cards for PIC event?

January 12, 2022      2:23 PM      from Rachel Waltz to all panelists:      I saw numerous questions about phone surveys. In addition to a unsheltered in-person survey, can our Steet Outreach team call people known to them during the service count to do phone survey for PIT night?

January 12, 2022      2:24 PM      from Brenda Chamberlain to all panelists:      In the past, we've used Planning funds to pay for food for volunteers. Is that acceptable?

January 12, 2022      2:24 PM      from Nate First to everyone:      Could a CoC conduct an observation count on the PIT night and then use client data from its street outreach projects to extrapolate the demographic portion of the PIT?

January 12, 2022      2:24 PM      from Tori Morris to everyone: @Erika - HUD Exchange has model surveys available for the PIT count, but you are not required to use them. These surveys do include all the information you are required to collect for the PIT count. These tools are available here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3322/point-in-time-survey-tools/>

January 12, 2022      2:26 PM      from Teresa Winfield to everyone:      I apologize, did you say there was new guidance on how to collect/report gender data? Where would I find that?

January 12, 2022      2:26 PM      from Clarissa Stajcar to everyone:      Can we go into schools to collect data for the PIT? and can we use our participants that are in our YHDP programs that are homeless?

January 12, 2022      2:26 PM      from Nanci Torres to everyone:      I know this has been asked already, but can I get these slides be emailed to me?

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January 12, 2022                      2:27 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: @Nanci - the slides won't be emailed, but they will be available on HUD Exchange at this link:  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#pit-count-office-hours>

January 12, 2022                      2:27 PM                      from Carrie Bosch to everyone:                      We currently have households that have been displaced from their homes due to an apartment fire. They are residing in a hotel being paid for by a nonprofit while repairs are being made. Would they be considered sheltered if they are still residing in the hotel on the night of the count?

January 12, 2022                      2:28 PM                      from Rachael Clineff to everyone:                      How many days after the PIT night do we have to collect that data?

January 12, 2022                      2:29 PM                      from Kiana Harrison to everyone:                      Thank you @William for HMIS Participating clarification. Kiana - HAND/Detroit

January 12, 2022                      2:30 PM                      from Susy Rojas to everyone: Can we expect there to be anything written or issued that clarifies the definition of HMIS participating? Thank you!

January 12, 2022                      2:31 PM                      from Rene Mitchell to everyone:                      nyc shelter has been a gateway for the criminal justice system .inmate are being release in the shelter is all that data suppose to be counted together.

January 12, 2022                      2:31 PM                      from Andrea Austin to all panelists:                      If someone is living in uninhabital conditions they can be counted as unsheltered correct?

January 12, 2022                      2:31 PM                      from Rachel Kirkland to everyone:                      Is there a HUD document you can share with specific guidance on how to report beds. e.g. A veteran year-round bed is a bed that has veteran specific funding tied to it.

January 12, 2022                      2:34 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: @Rachel - you can review the HIC and PIT count data collection notice for information about how to report these beds and the data

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submission guide for how to report beds in HDX 1.0. Notice:

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<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6300/2021-hic-and-pit-count-data-submission-guidance/>

January 12, 2022                      2:34 PM                      from Eneshal Miller to everyone:                      Great question.

January 12, 2022                      2:35 PM                      from Andrea Austin to all panelists:                      So if someone is living in a building with no running water but they have a fireplace for heat, we would consider that not habitable still right like when it comes to hqs ?

January 12, 2022                      2:35 PM                      from Kim Altomare to everyone:                      We currently have several households that have been displaced since the moratorium on evictions has expired. They are residing in a hotel being paid for by Tri-County Community Action Program, a nonprofit. Would these also be considered sheltered if they are still residing in the hotel on the night of the count?

January 12, 2022                      2:38 PM                      from Kim Altomare to everyone:                      PIT counts are widely understood to undercount the number of people experiencing homelessness by a significant margin why is that?

January 12, 2022                      2:39 PM                      from Felicia Vargas to everyone:                      Thank You

January 12, 2022                      2:40 PM                      from Robert Ward to all panelists:                      I'm confused by what William just said about other datasets- if we're doing a blitz count we wouldn't have any way of knowing whether the case manager's client was included in the observation count, so adding that dataset to the count seems like it would result in duplicates. Perhaps I misheard?

January 12, 2022                      2:40 PM                      from Courtney Cochran to everyone:                      Can you clarify again how those staying in seasonal warming centers are counted?

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January 12, 2022                      2:41 PM                      from Emily Wildeman to everyone:    So for a person staying in a night to night shelter that they have to line up for each night with no guaranteed entry, is considered sheltered homeless, correct?

January 12, 2022                      2:41 PM                      from Liz Isaacs to everyone:    In the past we had been told that if there are only chairs in a warming center and the persons in there noted that they had no place to sleep, they would be counted as unsheltered. If there were beds/cots, then it would be sheltered. Could you pls clarify?

January 12, 2022                      2:43 PM                      from Paisley Stewart to everyone:    Can individuals self report a substance use disorder or SPMI or do they need a previous diagnosis?

January 12, 2022                      2:43 PM                      from Robbie Keen to all panelists:    We have people in hotel paid for by FEMA after Hurricane Ida, are these people counted as sheltered homeless?

January 12, 2022                      2:44 PM                      from Courtney Cochran to everyone:    Any switch to a warmer season would be beneficial to our CoC, (Northern Minnesota). It was -22 degrees during our last unsheltered counts and our shelters remain full year round.

January 12, 2022                      2:45 PM                      from Brenda Chamberlain to all panelists:    In the past, we've used Planning funds to pay for food for volunteers. Is that acceptable?

January 12, 2022                      2:47 PM                      from Kim Cain to everyone:    Is there any chance of HUD moving PIT to February in the future? January is an extremely busy month for most non-profits as they are wrapping their year end, as well as meeting IRS obligations. It's difficult to do justice to PIT in January.

January 12, 2022                      2:48 PM                      from Courtney Cochran to everyone:    Bumping the questions of how we count individuals in seasonal warming centers.

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January 12, 2022                      2:51 PM                      from Tori Morris to everyone: A reminder that here's the link to extrapolation tool: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6218/how-to-use-sampling-within-a-coc-to-conduct-an-unsheltered-pit-count/>. This tool will also be updated with the new data standards soon, so stay tuned for an updated extrapolation tool!

January 12, 2022                      2:52 PM                      from Robbie Keen to everyone:                      We have people in hotel paid for by FEMA after Hurricane Ida, are these people counted as sheltered homeless?

January 12, 2022                      2:56 PM                      from Ann Isaac to everyone:                      Are tents allowable for street outreach?

January 12, 2022                      2:56 PM                      from Rene Mitchell to everyone:                      are you able to count homeless in tent city

January 12, 2022                      2:56 PM                      from Cory Derenburger to host (privately):                      Would persons or households experiencing homelessness staying at Quarantine and Isolation centers due to COVID be counted as sheltered homeless on the night of the count?

January 12, 2022                      2:58 PM                      from Darian Johnson to everyone:                      Where can we find more information on what privacy laws need to be followed when engaging with the schools?

January 12, 2022                      2:58 PM                      from Veronica Wilson to everyone:                      Our Office of Education Homeless Liaison can provide us the rates of students experiencing homelessness. However, they use the McKinney-Vento Act definition of homelessness. Can we include their reported numbers if we are unable to determine if they are experiencing unsheltered homelessness?

January 12, 2022                      3:00 PM                      from Brenda Chamberlain to everyone:                      @veronica they can tell you who is literally homeless.

January 12, 2022                      3:01 PM                      from Veronica Wilson to everyone:                      In all previous counts, the liaison was unable to distinguish who is literally homeless. Any suggestion?

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January 12, 2022      3:02 PM      from Brittney Culbreath to all panelists:      Thank you

January 12, 2022      3:02 PM      from Becky O'Meara to all panelists:      Thanks so much for providing this information!

January 12, 2022      3:03 PM      from Javier de Anda to host & presenter:      very informative information thanks