



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

April 29, 2022



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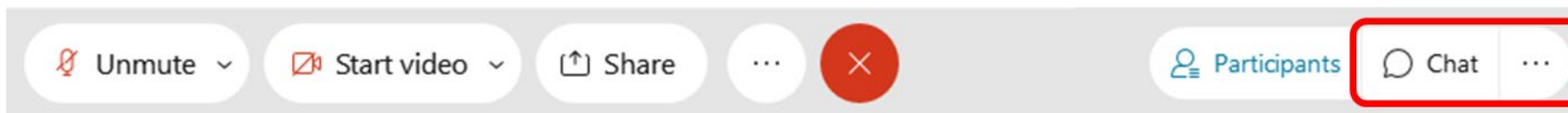
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Speakers

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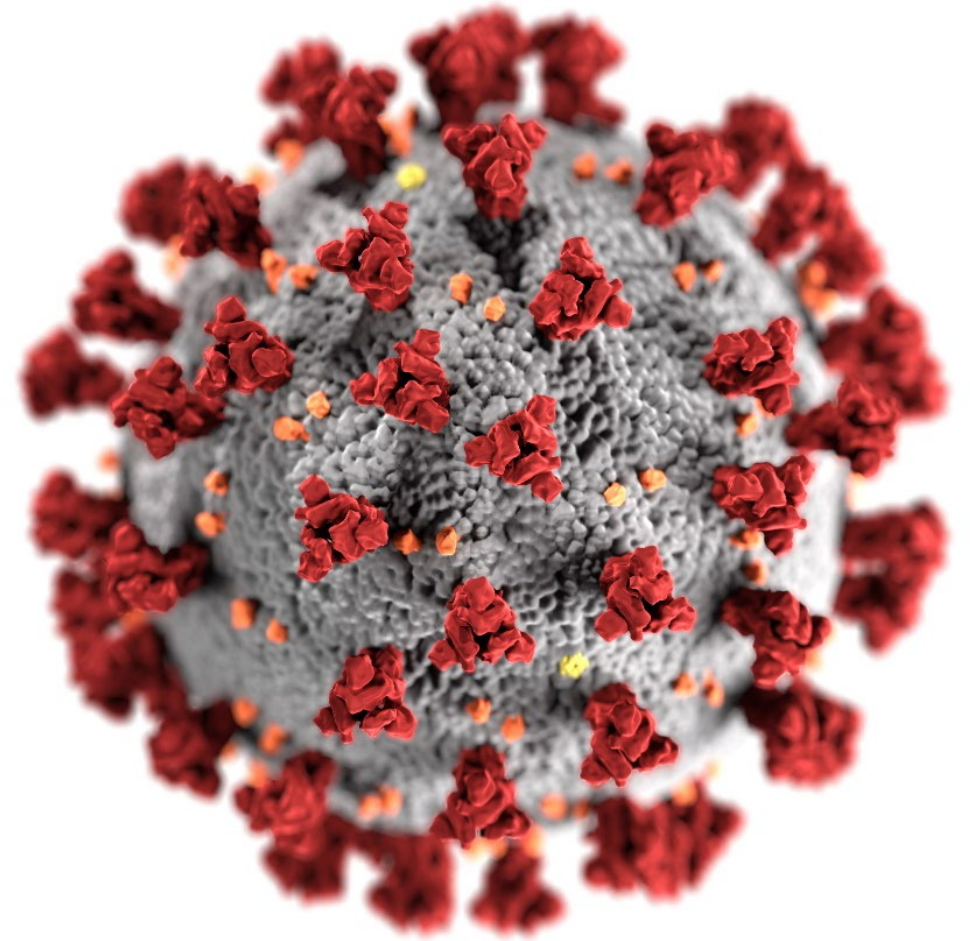
- Lindsey Richard, Peer Ambassador Coordinator, Housing for Health

National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault

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COVID-19 Update

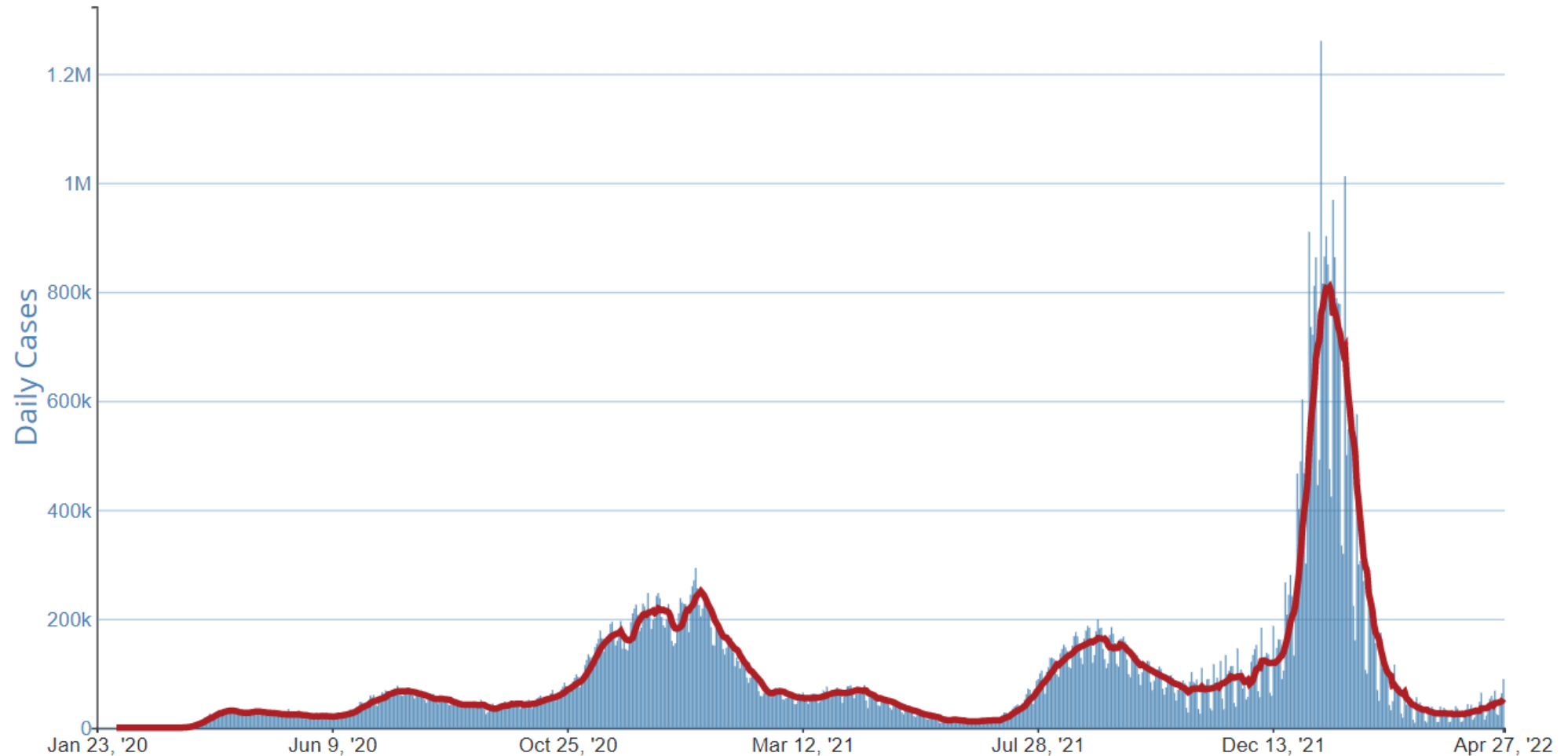
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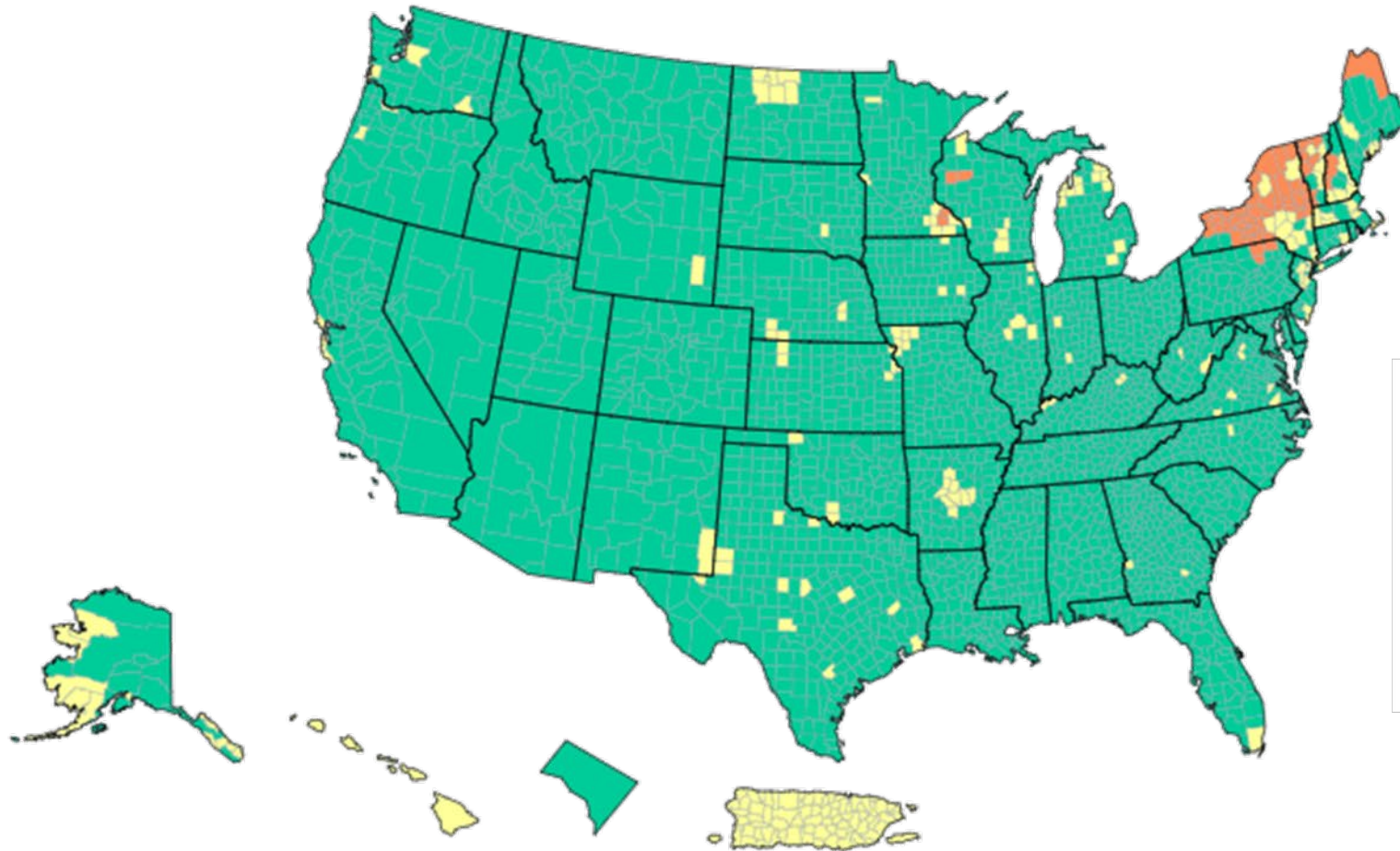
COVID-19 Cases Over Time

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in The United States Reported to CDC



[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

COVID-19 Community Levels Map

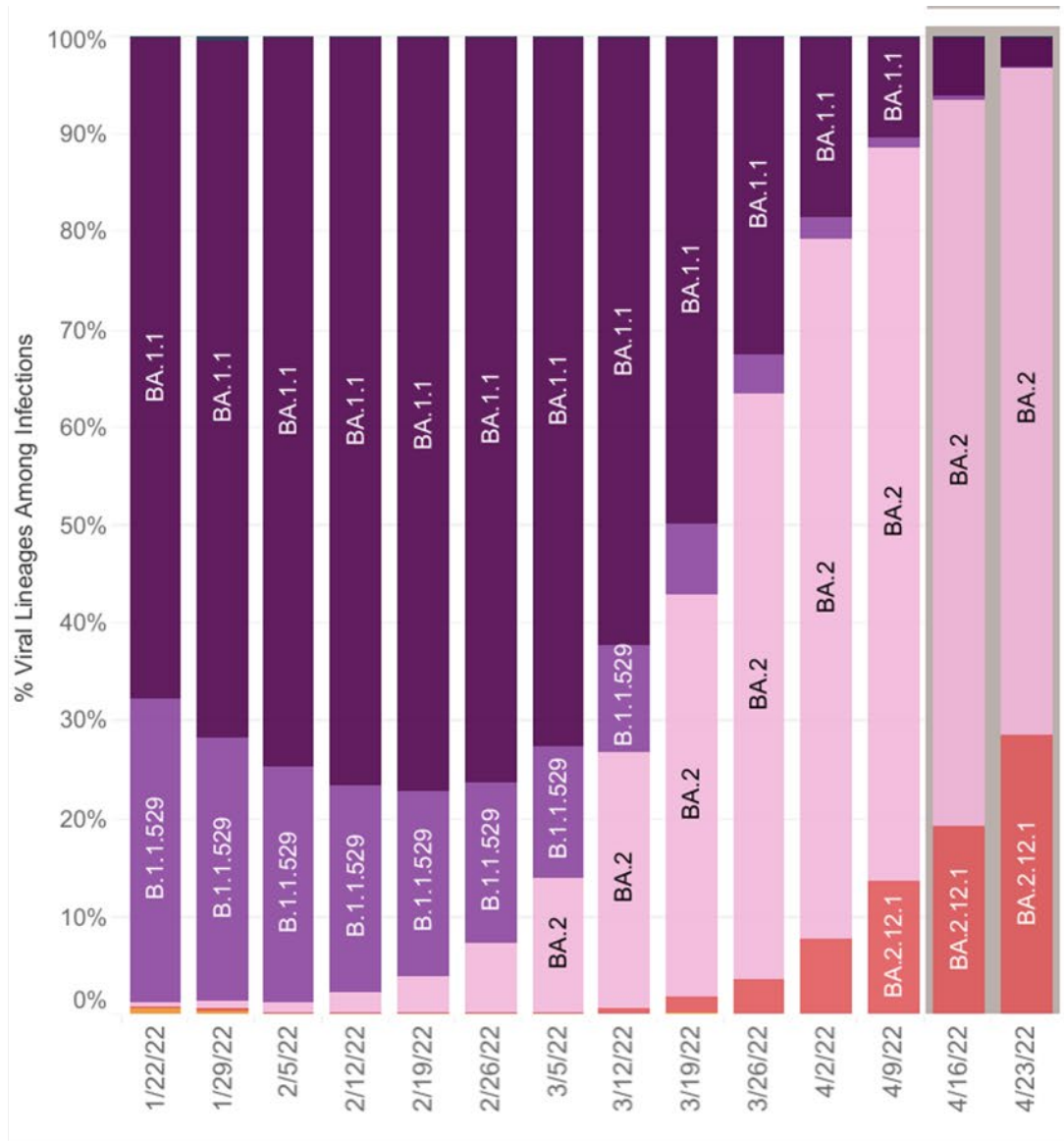


COVID-19 Community Levels in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	56	1.74%	0.5%
Medium	258	8%	0.93%
Low	2910	90.26%	- 1.43%



COVID-19 Variant Proportions



WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	BA.2	VOC	68.1%	61.3-74.2%
	BA.2.12.1	VOC	28.7%	22.3-36.0%
	BA.1.1	VOC	2.8%	2.3-3.3%
	B.1.1.529	VOC	0.2%	0.1-0.3%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.2%	0.1-0.6%



New Publication!

Commentary

**PUBLIC
HEALTH
REPORTS**

Public Health Lessons Learned in Responding to COVID-19 Among People Experiencing Homelessness in the United States

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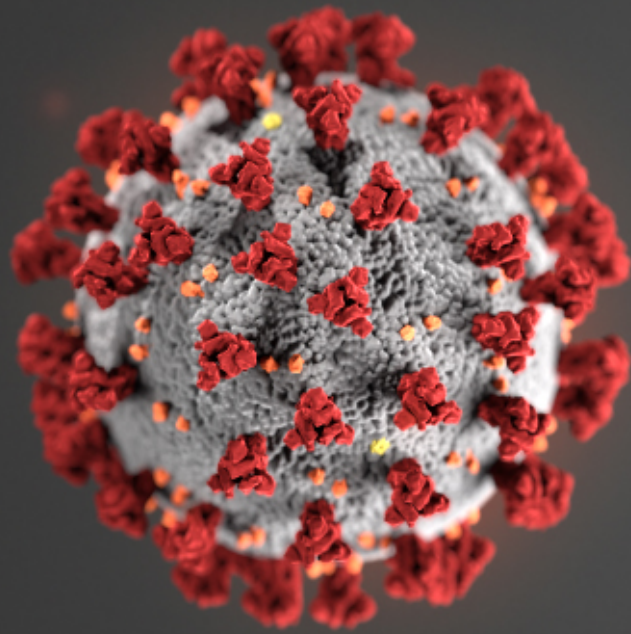
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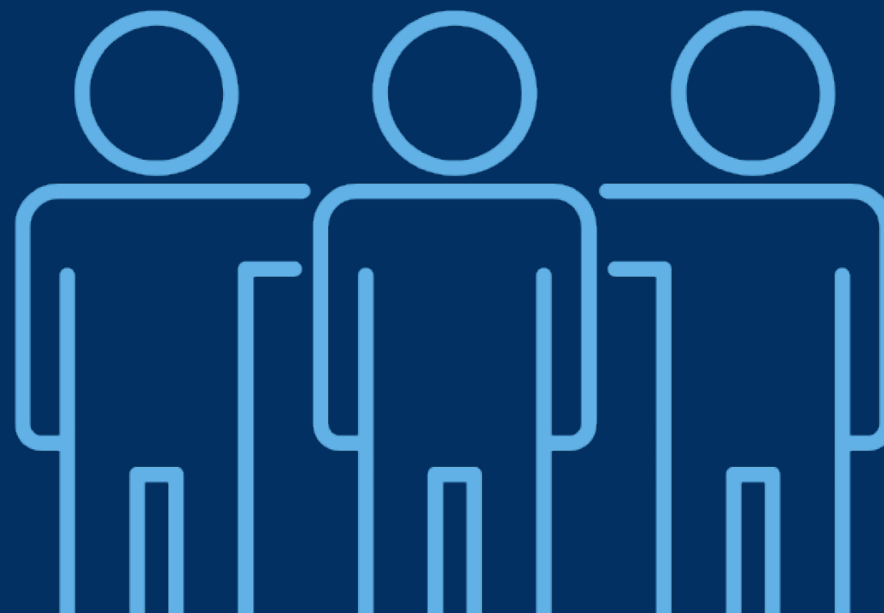


SNAPS Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

PEER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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BY: LINDSEY RICHARD





COVID RESPONSE TEAM

- The Department of Health Service's (DHS)- Housing for Health (HFH) COVID Response Team (CRT) operates mobile COVID mitigation programs in shelters, street-based settings, and permanent supportive housing throughout LA County including risk assessments , technical assistance, COVID Testing, and COVID Vaccinations.
- A total of **40,214** vaccinations have been administered to **20,970** distinct individuals. A total of **14,281** distinct PEH have had at least 1 shot in their arm, and **10,501** PEH have been fully vaccinated.



HISTORY OF MEDICAL MISTRUST

- The PEH community continues to confront a long history of discrimination and negative interactions with medical services
- PEH - Racial and Ethnic Minorities have been disproportionately affected which is a contributing factor to medical mistrust.
- With this in mind, we wanted to enlist the assistance of ambassadors of the community to act as bridges for our teams to the community we are providing services to



PEER AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- The CRT Vaccine Peer Program has operated since September 2021.
- The CRT Vaccine Peer Ambassadors are currently PEH or formerly PEH that are interested in promoting the vaccine in and around their immediate communities.
- Generally, they are activated on a same day basis and engage in community outreach with our internally hired Community Health Workers to promote the vaccine amongst PEH.
- Peer Ambassadors are compensated through a \$25 dollar gift card for every hour volunteered

WHO CAN BECOME A PEER AMBASSADOR?

Must be Vaccinated

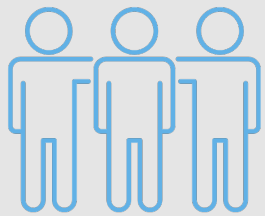
Must be PEH or formerly PEH

Cannot be a danger to themselves or others

*PAs can volunteer a maximum of 8 hours a day

*PAs can volunteer a maximum of 23 hours in total for the calendar year

PEER AMBASSADORS:



- Assist with outreach and passing out flyers
- Share their vaccine stories
- Assist with passing out hygiene kits, harm reduction kits, and snacks

INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I GET THE VACCINE?

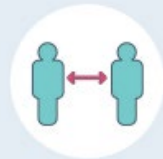
Remember the 3 W's:



Wear your mask.



Wash your hands.



Watch your distance.

NEXT VACCINE CLINIC

LOCATION: _____

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

YOUR COVID-19 WELLNESS & VACCINE GUIDE

Protect yourself.

Protect your
loved ones.

Protect your
community.

**END THE
PANDEMIC**



VOLUNTEERING INCLUDES:

Talking to unhoused folks about the benefits of becoming vaccinated.

Sharing your personal vaccination story.

Answering unvaccinated people's questions and concerns about getting or not getting the vaccine from your perspective.

Getting rewarded with a \$25 gift card for each hour of volunteering with the Peer Ambassador program.

If you are interested in being a Peer Ambassador or referring a Peer Ambassador, **CALL OR TEXT: 833-900-2558**

Submit an electronic form for yourself or half of a client this form →



Our Support + Our Guidance =
Towards Ending The Pandemic



**PEER
AMBASSADOR
PROGRAM**



Volunteer as a **Vaccine Peer Ambassador** and lend us your support and leadership to take one step towards ending the Pandemic.

Fewer Vaccines = More Variants. More Variants = More Time in the

OUTREACH FLYERS

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- To build confidence, communities should hire vaccine ambassadors with lived experience to engage PEH and homeless service providers. Allow them to lead as they know their communities the best.
- We have worked with more than 250 individual peers at over 280 locations, 30% of the vaccines given out at these locations can be partially attributed to peer engagement.
- On average, we see that we vaccinate 1 more person, per hour at vaccine events with Peer Ambassadors present as opposed to vaccine clinics without Peer Ambassadors.
- Peer Ambassadors are important pieces to the community-based work we do!



LINKS

- <https://dhs.lacounty.gov/housing-for-health/our-services/housing-for-health/covid-19-response/>
- [Homeless people convince peers to get COVID-19 vaccine - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)





QUESTIONS?

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Emergency Housing Voucher Update

SNAPS OFFICE HOURS

4/29/22



EHV Information: <https://www.hud.gov/ehv>

Need Housing?

Contact your local Continuum of Care (CoC)

Service Providers

[List of EHV Awardees \(MS EXCEL\)](#)
Updated 4/18/2022

Administration for Children and Families Contacts (MS EXCEL)

Policy Notices

[PIH 2021-15: EHV Operating Requirements](#)
Published 5/5/2021

[PIH 2021-20: EHV Household Reporting Requirements](#)
Published 6/30/2021

[PIH 2021-25: EHV – Voucher Management System and Financial Data Schedule Reporting Requirements](#)
Published 8/20/2021

[PIH 2022-06: Emergency Housing Vouchers- Reallocation of Awards \(NEW\)](#)
Published 3/10/22

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in order to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

EHV Dashboard

Review the [EHV Dashboard](#) for daily updates on leasing, issuances, and unit utilization, and information on voucher awards and funding by PHA. Users can navigate the dashboard pages by selecting the forward and back arrows or the EHV dashboard can be accessed via the EHV Dashboard page. Training will be provided on the EHV Dashboard during Office Hours on November 16th.

Emergency Housing Voucher Dashboard: Summary

State: All

PHA Code & Name: All

MTW: All

Clear All Filters

Total EHV Awards*

Current EHV Units Leased

EHV Leasing Utilization

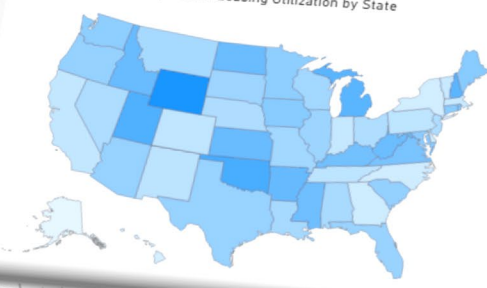
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18,238

26.10%

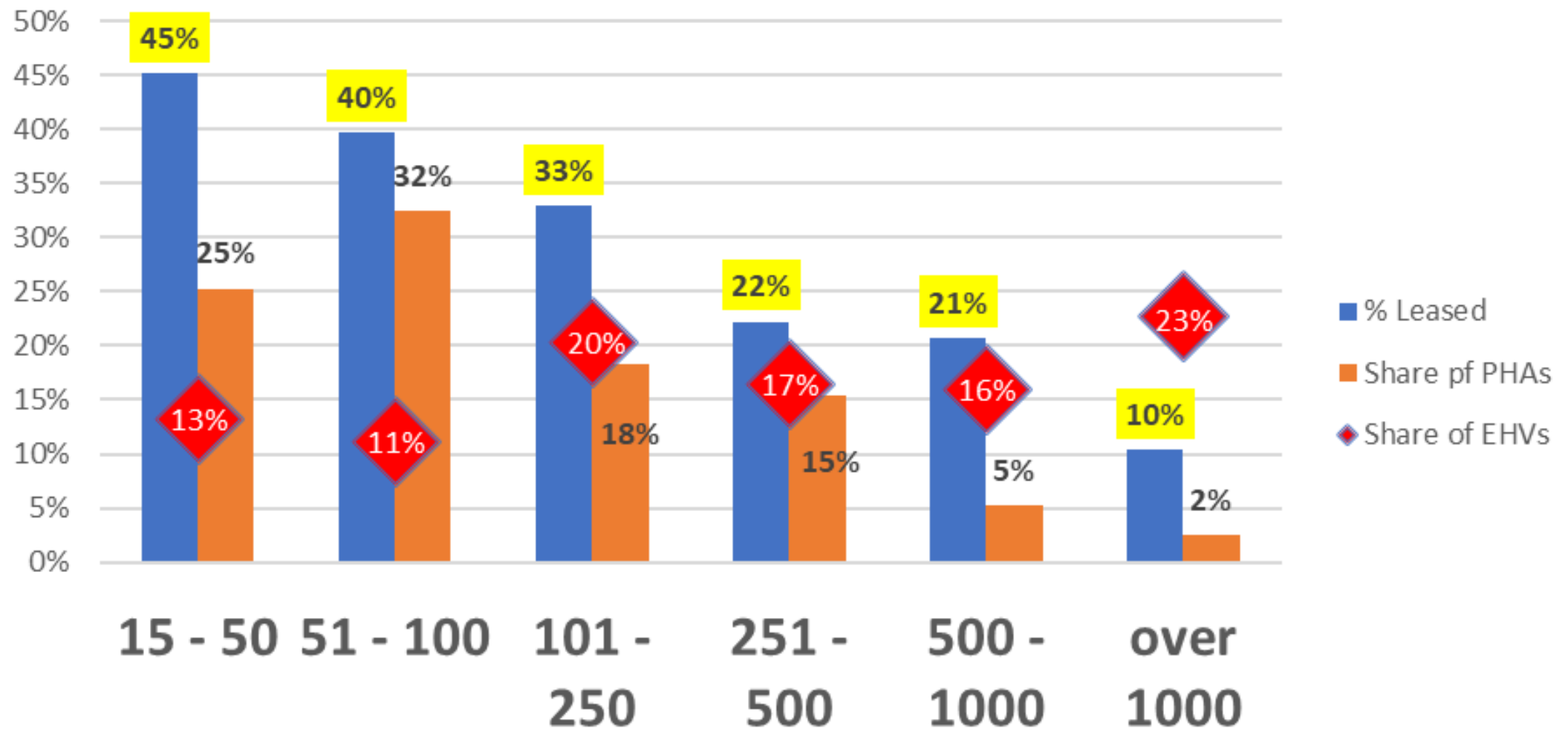
* Note: 70,000 EHV awards were awarded to PHAs across the United States. The reduction in Total Award Amount is due to PHAs that have returned their EHV awards.

Map of EHV Leasing Utilization by State



PHA Code	PHA Name	Total Awards	Active Issuances	Current Leased Vouchers	Unit Utilization
TX395	Port Lavaca Housing Authority	15		19	126.67%
AR215	Johnson County Public Housing Agency	15	5	17	113.33%
CA076	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	89	6	97	108.99%
MI064	Clay County HRA	15	1	16	106.67%
TX431	Perth Amboy Housing Authority	31	2	33	106.45%
AR031	Tarrant County Housing Assistance Office	85	3	87	102.35%
AR015	Housing Authority of the City of Texarkana	24		24	100.00%
FL007	Hot Springs Housing Authority	26		26	100.00%
FL083	Housing Authority of City of Daytona Beach	31		31	100.00%
ID005	Delray Beach Housing Authority	30	1	30	100.00%
IL089	Housing Authority of the City of Pocatello	15		15	100.00%
KY132	Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb	17		17	100.00%
MI192	City of Richmond Section 8 Housing Program	15		15	100.00%
MT033	Douglas County HRA	15	7	15	100.00%
NY054	Massoula Housing Authority	16	4	16	100.00%
NY158	Ithaca Housing Authority	15	9	15	100.00%
OH041	Village of Kirtas Joel HA	15	1	15	100.00%
RQ026	Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority	17		17	100.00%
TX484	Municipality of San Sebastian	15		15	100.00%
UT007	Brazoria County Housing Authority, Tx	42	2	42	100.00%
CA054	Housing Authority of the City of Provo	34	13	34	100.00%
	Housing Authority of the City of San Luis	124	19	124	100.00%

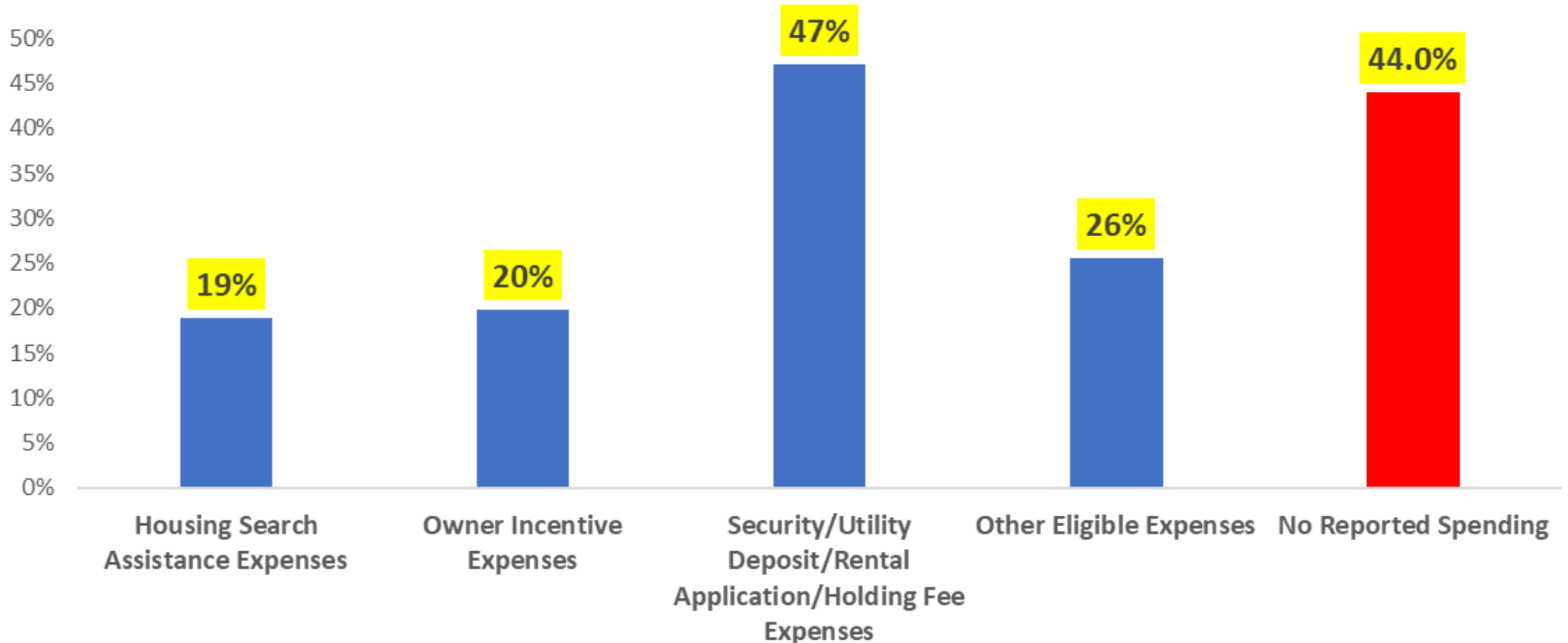
EHV by Size Award Title



Use of Service Fees

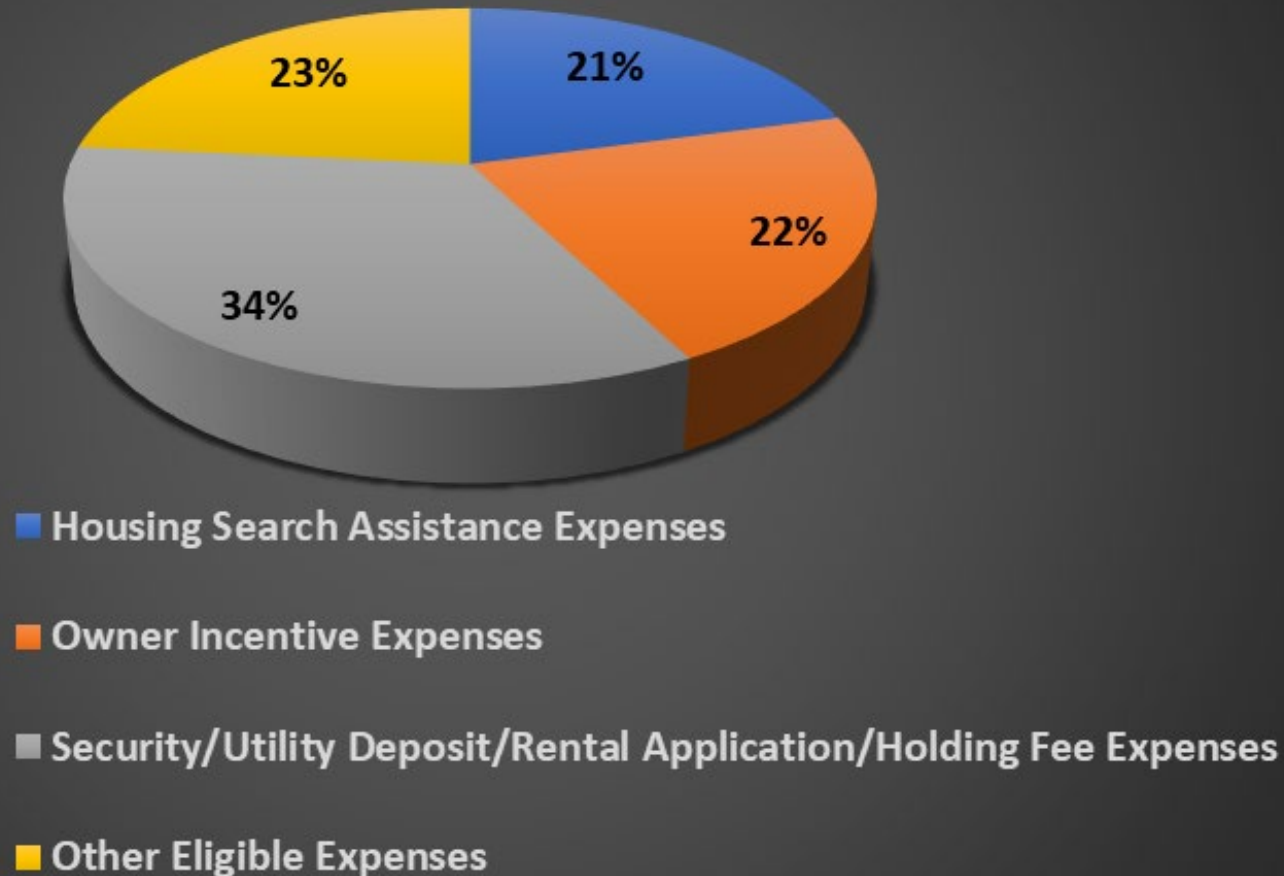
- as Reported in VMS thru March -

% of PHAs Using Service Fees by Category



Use of Service Fees: Share of Funds Used

Share of Service Fees Spent by Purpose



With 18,500 EHV's leased (26%), and 50,000 issued thru 4/25/22:

4.7% of \$244.3 million reported spent through March 2022

Success Rate (Lease to Issuance Rate)

Measured with each weekly issuance cohort and cumulatively

The “success rate” depends on the number of days after which you expect little to no leasing.

If the cutoff is **210 days**, **63%** of the 9,914 issued vouchers were leased.

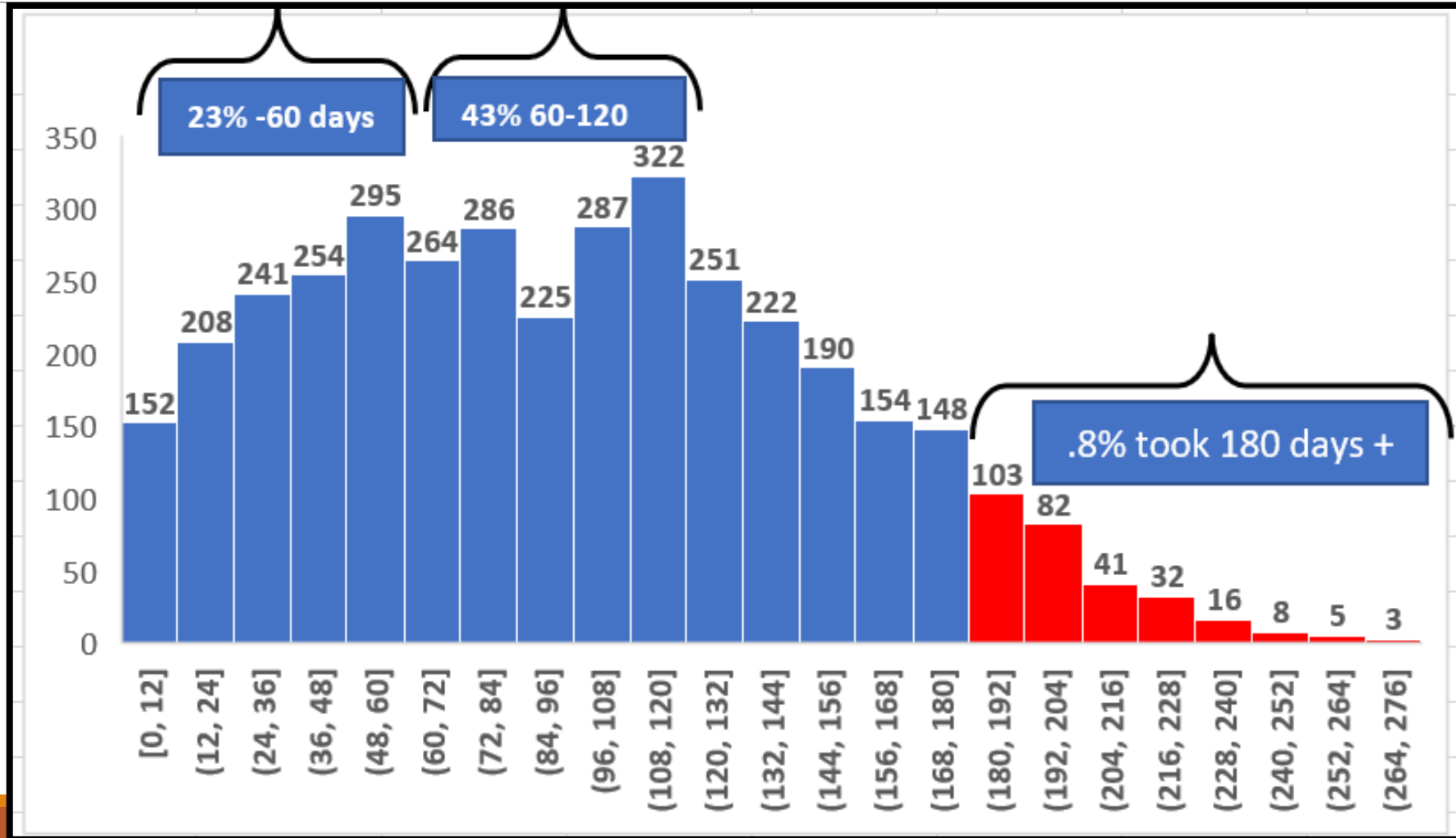
If that is **180 days**, **57%** of the 16,061 issued vouchers have been leased.

Week	Weekly Lease/Issuance % Rate	Cumulative Issued	Cumulative Leased	Cumulative SR	days from Issuance to Analysis
6/21/2021 - 6/27/2021	65%	121	85	70%	294
6/28/2021 - 7/4/2021	76%	549	409	74%	287
7/5/2021 - 7/11/2021	77%	915	691	76%	280
7/12/2021 - 7/18/2021	73%	1,297	968	75%	273
7/19/2021 - 7/25/2021	71%	1,880	1,381	73%	266
7/26/2021 - 8/1/2021	68%	2,455	1,770	72%	259
8/2/2021 - 8/8/2021	66%	3,346	2,357	70%	252
8/9/2021 - 8/15/2021	62%	4,155	2,862	69%	245
8/16/2021 - 8/22/2021	63%	5,140	3,482	68%	238
8/23/2021 - 8/29/2021	59%	6,329	4,186	66%	231
8/30/2021 - 9/5/2021	59%	7,526	4,890	65%	224
9/6/2021 - 9/12/2021	60%	8,578	5,517	64%	217
9/13/2021 - 9/19/2021	53%	9,914	6,221	63%	210
9/20/2021 - 9/26/2021	52%	11,397	6,992	61%	203
9/27/2021 - 10/3/2021	50%	12,978	7,779	60%	196
10/4/2021 - 10/10/2021	46%	14,515	8,493	59%	189
10/11/2021 - 10/17/2021	46%	16,061	9,266	57%	182

Days from
Issuance to
Lease

Month	# Leased	Avg Days from Issuance to Lease
☰ 2021	9,017	50
Jul	178	12
Aug	605	22
Sep	1,266	35
Oct	1,856	44
Nov	2,230	54
Dec	2,882	65
☰ 2022		
Jan	2,409	78
Feb	2,807	88
Mar	2,730	95
Apr	1,059	103
May	26	109
Jun	1	111
Grand Total	18,049	70

Snapshot of March and April Leasing Time – 3,790 Leased



TA Product Spotlight

- **Alternative Approaches to Isolation and Quarantine Spaces**
- **Shelter-Based Isolation in Place**



Alternative Approaches to I&Q Spaces

CONSIDERATIONS		
Good Approach	Better Approach	Best Approach

- Communities may need to use a variety of isolation and quarantine strategies to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- The framework below provides a graduated approach to isolation and quarantine, ranging from isolating or quarantining residents within the shelter facility to exploring non-congregate sheltering options.
- Coordinated approaches with public health partners are necessary to navigate evolving threats.

Shelter-Based Isolation in Place

- What is isolation in place? The practice of sheltering COVID-19-positive or symptomatic individuals using private rooms (such as offices) or sectioning off areas within existing congregate settings.
- Provides a workflow to identify the need for shelter based isolation.
- Defines attributes of Isolation in Place
- Community Examples:
 - Los Angeles, CA & Seattle, WA



Vaccine Incentives Commonly Asked Questions

Q: Can ESG-CV provide incentives to program participants that had their vaccinations prior to entering and ESG-funded program?

A: No. Program participants who are already fully vaccinated would not be eligible to receive incentive payments

Q: Do I have to enter everyone who gets a vaccine incentive into HMIS?

A: No. The vaccine incentives are treated for reporting purposes as a unique activity and will not need a CSV CAPER.



Vaccine Incentives Commonly Asked Questions

Q: Can I purchase any type of gift card to be used as a vaccine incentive?

A: No, if your organization is using gift cards as a vaccine incentive, the gift cards must be unrestricted.

Q: Can I offer cash as a vaccine incentive instead of a gift card?

A: Yes. Notice CPD-21-08 authorizes direct, cash payments of up to \$50 per dose to people experiencing homelessness as an incentive for receiving a coronavirus vaccine, which would include a coronavirus booster if recommended by the CDC.





ESG-CV Notice 22-06: Overview



Expenditure Deadlines - Updated

Milestone Expenditure Deadline Update:

OLD deadline: 80% by March 31, 2022

NEW deadline: 50% by June 16, 2022

What happens if grantees miss the June 16 deadline?

HUD may recapture funds:

- Up to 50% of total allocation (adjusted by any previously recaptured amounts)



Expenditure Deadlines - Updated

Overall Expenditure Deadline Update:

OLD deadline: 100% by September 30, 2022

NEW deadlines:

- 9/30/23: 100% of RRH, Emerg. Shelter, HP, Street Outreach
- 12/31/23: 100% of Admin, HMIS (extra time for closeout)
- 6/30/2024 for reallocated funds



Reallocations

Establishes Process for Recapture and Reallocation Funds

- HUD will post reallocation amounts, and provide recipients with 7-days to accept funds.
- HUD will obligate funds via grant agreement amendment.

Recipients of reallocated funds must amend their consolidated plan, post on a government website, and update IDIS.

- Recipients from which HUD recaptures funds must amend their consolidated plan and update IDIS prior to drawing down funds.



Available Waivers - Updated

Waiver of Limits on Housing Stability Case Management

- The Notice waives the 24-month limit on housing stability case management.

Waiver of Obligation Deadline Requirement for State ESG Recipients

- State recipients of reallocated funds must obligate funds within 180 days from the date HUD signs the grant agreement amendment for reallocated funds.

Waiver of ESG Program Requirements for Reallocation

- This waiver allows HUD to use an alternative reallocation formula and to expedite reallocations.



Expiration of Flexibilities

Expiration of ESG-CV Flexibilities for Annual ESG Grants

- All ESG-CV flexibilities applied to annual ESG used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus expire on September 30, 2022.



New Resources Posted

[Notice CPD-22-06: Waivers and Alternative Requirements for the ESG Program Under the CARES Act; Amendments and Clarifications](#)

[Alternative Approaches to Isolation and Quarantine Spaces](#)

[Shelter-Based Isolation in Place](#)

Key Websites

HUD: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/infectious-disease-prevention-response/>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html>

NHCHC: <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>

USICH: <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>

VA: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp>

HRSA: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html>

Federal Partner Contacts

For additional information or assistance, contact:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
www.cdc.gov/COVID19; 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636); TTY: 1-888-232-6348
- Department of Housing and Urban Development:
[HUD Exchange Ask-A-Question \(AAQ\) Portal](#)

Q & A

