COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
December 11th, 2020

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December 11, 2020   2:30 PM   from Thomas Bednar to everyone: To join the webinar via the phone, please call in using:

  +1-415-655-0002   Access code: 610 976 677

  (If you need to call in toll-free, call 1-855-797-9485)

December 11, 2020   2:32 PM   from Andrew Willard to everyone: Excited for today's presentation. Any sign of CoC COVID-19 Waivers being extended past December 31st, 20220 for the applicable waived activities expiring?

December 11, 2020   2:32 PM   from Christina Yasav to everyone: I misplaced the guide for project setup for ESG-CV funding, can someone post that in chat?

December 11, 2020   2:33 PM   from Carrie Poser to everyone: How likely is it that the CDC moratorium be extended?

December 11, 2020   2:33 PM   from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrew - yes. Stay tuned. It is definitely on our radar.

December 11, 2020   2:33 PM   from Karen Byron to everyone: On the night of the PIT, if we have people staying in a hotel from a different CoC as a result of the pandemic. Which CoC should they be counted in?

December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from Brenda Chamberlain to everyone: Is HUD able to extend the LSA deadline? We are killing ourselves as HMIS ADmins to respond to the flags for 2019 and 2020 but with dealing with everything due to the pandemic it is extremely hard to work on this too at this time.

December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Karen - report them based on which CoC is paying for the assistance.

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December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from Anna O'Toole to everyone: HUD has stated that the use of ESG-CV funds for hotel/motel rooms (only a set of rooms, not the entire structure) would be classified as emergency shelter and be an eligible shelter operations cost. Would space at the hotel (i.e., a separate hotel room) for staff to provide essential services to participants also be an eligible shelter operations cost?

December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from Andrew Willard to everyone: @Brett - Great! I assumed so, and wanted to be able to report back. Thank you!

December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from Karen Byron to everyone: Thanks, William

December 11, 2020   2:34 PM   from Shawn Hayes to everyone: Is HUD considering extending the due date of the PIT data to account for communities that do the counts in February given the pandemic? If not, could you explain why HUD is not willing to do that?

December 11, 2020   2:35 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Brenda - HUD is considering a limited LSA extension. It will likekly be short but get us into the new year. We know HMIS sys admins are doing a lot right now and even a little break will help. Look for news on that early next week.

December 11, 2020   2:36 PM   from Shawn Hayes to everyone: PIT/HIC I mean.

December 11, 2020   2:36 PM   from JENNIFER CLARKE to everyone: William...you've noted the CoC paying for the assistance should be counting folks staying outside of their CoC on the night of the PIT. What if the state is paying for a CoC to place folks in another CoC?

December 11, 2020   2:37 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Shawn - at this point HUD is not planning on extending the PIT/HIC deadline. There are several factors that impact deadlines and it is too early to make that decision. But as we get closer to that timeline we will revisit as needed.

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December 11, 2020   2:38 PM   from Shawn Hayes to everyone: @William Snow, thank you!

December 11, 2020   2:38 PM   from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Christina - here is the link to the ESG HMIS PRogram Manual: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/ESG-Program-HMIS-Manual.pdf

December 11, 2020   2:39 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Jennifer - where is that data being collected - who is responsible for recording in HMIS where those people are housed? We know that may not answer the question for everyone but many states continue to work through CoCs or HMIS to meet their needs of tracking who is getting assistance.

December 11, 2020   2:41 PM   from Christina Yasav to everyone: @marlisa thank you, but I was looking for the chart that tells you which funding sources and program types require new projects and which don't for CV, depending on project type and entitlement community

December 11, 2020   2:43 PM   from Avery Slyker to everyone: Could clarification be provided on why a SSVF project would submit an addendum to a CoC's CE Policies and Procedures that state "When resources are adequate to assist all Veterans eligible for Rapid Rehousing through the SSVF program, there is no need to prioritize households."

December 11, 2020   2:43 PM   from JENNIFER CLARKE to everyone: @William...As to where data is being collected and who is responsible for collecting it...that's sort of what I was asking. Our CoC may be placing outside of our geographic CoC using state funding and we anticipated maintaining data in HMIS but is that what HUD expects? Are we responsible to do so or is the funder?

December 11, 2020   2:46 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Jennifer - your description is correct. If you are placing people out of the CoC but it is from funding that was provided to your CoC or an ESG recipient in your area then you should assume that you are responsible for the data collection on those people served. If it is a HUD-funded provider then the provider (e.g. ESG or CoC funding) the provider is required to collect and report the data. With other providers that are not getting HUD funding you will have to work with the provider to determine who is responsible. HUD does not tend to make those decisions when other funding sources are involved.

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December 11, 2020   2:46 PM   from Brett Esders to everyone: @Anna - yes, if a hotel room is needed for staff to provide essential services, you can charge that to your ESG-CV grant. But it would be an overhead of providing essential services and not a shelter operating cost.

December 11, 2020   2:47 PM   from Anna O'Toole to everyone: @Brett, thank you!!

December 11, 2020   2:49 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: December 18th, 12pm-1pm CST

Register at https://nhchc.org/webinars/covid-19-the-hch-community-vaccines-for-clients-and-staff/

December 11, 2020   2:50 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: Thank you, Norm!

December 11, 2020   2:50 PM   from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: Good stuff

December 11, 2020   2:50 PM   from Denise Albertson to everyone: Will there be a cost for the vaccination for the homeless population, sheltered and unsheltered?

December 11, 2020   2:51 PM   from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
          https://www.nashp.org/each-states-plan-for-vaccinating-its-populations-against-covid-19/

December 11, 2020   2:51 PM   from William Higgins to everyone: On Monday I was interviewed for a radio show that was broadcast yesterday, called "Friendly Fire". I discussed veteran and general homelessness here In the Portland, Maine area, as well as statewide. During the interview, I tried to avoid the use of the "jargon" that service providers use when talking about services. The interview was actually done via zoom. This link will open to the program, then click for the December 9th show.
https://www.wmpg.org/show/wed1300/?fbclid=IwAR1AoSWDjTJg9rZqrkHjiSERDj1BgCOkeaz8fzCO6gU7oI7YTBA74vedMll#

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December 11, 2020   2:53 PM   from Pamela Phillips-Zeller to everyone: Thanks to the SNAP staff for the great job posting links in the chat - I find the chat a very helpful source of information.

December 11, 2020   2:53 PM   from Emily Mosites to everyone: Information about vaccination phases in each state: https://www.nashp.org/each-states-plan-for-vaccinating-its-populations-against-covid-19/

December 11, 2020   2:54 PM   from Joyce Tavon to everyone: Sorry to join late. Was hoping to get updated CDC guidance for non-congregate shelter and PSH SROs on cleaning. Sites with scarce COVID funds perhaps shouldn't be prioritizing intensive cleaning (given we now understand COVID transmission primarily to be respiratory) and instead prioritizing other costs. However, I'm no expert. Looking for guidance.

December 11, 2020   2:54 PM   from Avery Slyker to everyone: Thank you @Emily and @David for the link

December 11, 2020   2:57 PM   from JENNIFER CLARKE to everyone: @William Much appreciated, William; as always your assistance and insight is valued more than you can imagine!

December 11, 2020   2:57 PM   from Isaiah Rich-Wimmer to everyone: Will there be more guidance on the CoC competition discussed today?

December 11, 2020   2:59 PM   from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: We'll have an issue brief out early next week about the vaccine issues I just discussed so please look for it on the HUD Exchange!

December 11, 2020   2:59 PM   from Norm Suchar to everyone: No updates on the CoC Competition or YHDP today. Sorry.

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December 11, 2020   3:00 PM   from Emily Mosites to everyone: @joyce, there haven't been changes in the CDC guidance on cleaning/disinfection but if you take a look they are fairly basic recommendations. Intensive cleaning is only recommended if someone has been sick. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

December 11, 2020   3:00 PM   from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Staffing Resource that Ellen is reviewing: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Staff-Capacity-Considerations-for-Scaling-Up.pdf

December 11, 2020   3:00 PM   from Isaiah Rich-Wimmer to everyone: @Norm ok thank you!

December 11, 2020   3:01 PM   from Liz Isaacs to everyone: Are FEMA COVID motel beds required to be in HMIS?

December 11, 2020   3:02 PM   from Emily Mosites to everyone: @Denise, the vaccine will be provided to everyone at no cost

December 11, 2020   3:02 PM   from Chris OHara to everyone: When will HUD let CoCs know if an exemption from the PIT has been approved for 2021 outdoor count? Can CoCs have an additional count later in the year when Covoid 19 cases are down?

December 11, 2020   3:03 PM   from Sue Legal to everyone: Our problem is the background checks are taking a very long time and they are required to be completed prior to new staff training.

December 11, 2020   3:05 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Chris - each CoC needs to consider whether it can safely conduct a 2021 unsheltered PIT count. If it can do so safely but needs to modify what data is collected or the CoC cannot conduct an unsheltered PIT count they need to email me to request an exception. Please follow the instructions in this guidance: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6213/conducting-the-2021-unsheltered-pit-count/. If you do not submit an exception request HUD assumes that you plan on conducting a full unsheltered PIT count.

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December 11, 2020   3:06 PM   from Chris OHara to everyone: thanks William

December 11, 2020   3:06 PM   from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: apologies - joining very late today - was stuck in another meeting - curious if there was a CoC NOFA update :)

December 11, 2020   3:06 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Chris - RE: counting later - it depends what you are asking. If you are asking for an exception to count at a later date that might be approved but you would still have to submit your data by the end of April 2021. If you are talking about later than that then you should simply seek an exception. You can conduct a count for local purposes but you will not submit that to HUD.

December 11, 2020   3:06 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: no update today

December 11, 2020   3:10 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: thank you!

December 11, 2020   3:10 PM   from Mandy Reagan to everyone: Great strategies Ellen! Thank you!

December 11, 2020   3:11 PM   from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: Good stuff!

December 11, 2020   3:11 PM   from Justin Marino to everyone: Thank for advocating for higher wages for nonprofit workers. Very Much appreciated.

December 11, 2020   3:13 PM   from Justin Marino to everyone: Any word on the CDC moratorium being extended? also what about the expiring waivers?

December 11, 2020   3:17 PM   from Angela Hogan to everyone: What is the CFDA # for ESG-CV? Is it the same as regular ESG - 14.231 or a special #?

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December 11, 2020   3:18 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Angela - yes, same as ESG

December 11, 2020   3:19 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: PIT Count Office Hours sign up links:

December 15 3-4:30pm EST https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-december-15/

January 12 3-4:30pm EST https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/2021-pit-count-office-hours-january-12/

December 11, 2020   3:19 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: ESG-CV Quarterly Reporting Office Hours for City and County Recipients

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December 11, 2020   3:19 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: can you please show the PIT office hours time again?

December 11, 2020   3:19 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: SAMHSA HHRC (Homeless and Housing Resource Center) Webinar: Eviction Prevention and Housing Retention During and After COVID-19

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December 11, 2020   3:20 PM   from William Snow to everyone: @ Greta: PIT Count Office Hours sign up links:
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hours-january-12/

December 11, 2020   3:20 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: Thanks!

December 11, 2020   3:20 PM   from Brenda Chamberlain to everyone: Please post the link for the PIT Office Hours.

December 11, 2020   3:20 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Brenda - link is in William's chat above

December 11, 2020   3:20 PM   from Shay Grier to everyone: Do you have an update on changing temporary shelter to permanent shelter.

December 11, 2020   3:21 PM   from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: CDC ACIP Site: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html

December 11, 2020   3:21 PM   from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Here's a link to the webinar registration for next Friday (on vaccines): https://nhchc.org/webinars/covid-19-the-hch-community-vaccines-for-clients-and-staff/

December 11, 2020   3:21 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: NYS plan doesn't have shelters listed at all.

December 11, 2020   3:22 PM   from Greta Guarton to everyone: as per first link

December 11, 2020   3:23 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: Cleaning guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

December 11, 2020   3:25 PM   from Ebony Rankin to everyone: PIT Count Office Hours sign up links:

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December 11, 2020   3:25 PM   from Pamela Phillips-Zeller to everyone: Congregate shelters in NYS, including Runaway and Homeless Youth shelters, have been canvassed in preparation for vaccine distribution. OCFS says that congregate shelters will be prioritized before the general population, but no specific ranking yet.

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December 11, 2020   3:25 PM   from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Shay - In order to transition temporary emergency shelter to permanent shelter, the disposition requirements at 2 CFR 200.311 apply (which involve compensating HUD when ESG-CV funds are used for acquisition or renovation.

December 11, 2020   3:26 PM   from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: January

| December 11, 2020 | 3:26 PM | from Thomas Bates to everyone: | July, really trying to skip past winter! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:26 PM | from Greta Guarton to everyone: | We ALL want to do that!!! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:27 PM | from William Snow to everyone: | @ Riley - we have been |

Cocs the opportunity to ask for complete exceptions to the unsheltered PIT count. We have granted many of those. HUD is allowing CoCs to determine what they believe they can safely do and is honoring those decisions.

| December 11, 2020 | 3:27 PM | from William Snow to everyone: | @ Riley - "been" should be "given" |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:28 PM | from Greta Guarton to everyone: | Thank you! As always, very informative! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:29 PM | from Angela Hogan to everyone: | Thank You! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:29 PM | from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: | Thank you! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:29 PM | from Carolyn Curry to everyone: | Thanks Norm! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:29 PM | from Rebekah Zahn-Pittser to everyone: | Thank you! |

| December 11, 2020 | 3:29 PM | from Dustin Kane to everyone: | Thank you! |