

COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A

January 8th, 2021

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January 8, 2021 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)

January 8, 2021 2:31 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: I know this is generally about vaccines, but re the CoC NOFA: I know the 2020 competition has been cancelled in the latest legislation. Can you please tell us if there will be any bonus funding made available for new CoC projects? Thanks!

January 8, 2021 2:31 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: We have some Emergency Shelters (with ESG and CDBG funding) who are thinking about not allowing people into emergency shelter if they had a COVID vaccine appointment, and did not get the vaccine. This is similar to our TB check requirements. Will this be against any ESG, CDBG, CARES or other regulations?

January 8, 2021 2:32 PM from Heidi Young to everyone: YHDP?

January 8, 2021 2:32 PM from Alex Dunn to everyone: Any ideas on incentives for vaccine uptake among people experiencing homelessness?

January 8, 2021 2:33 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Alex - we will have a document on incentives released next week.

January 8, 2021 2:34 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Are car repairs eligible under ESG Shelter Services - transportation?

January 8, 2021 2:34 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: Just joining. Will there be a NOFA update?

January 8, 2021 2:34 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: I know there was funding only available until 12/31 for COVID testing, do you know of any funding opportunities after 1/1/2021?

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January 8, 2021 2:35 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Riley - Norm will give an update

January 8, 2021 2:35 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Boosting Alex Dunn's questions

January 8, 2021 2:35 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: @Ebony--Thank you

January 8, 2021 2:35 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Due to CV safety issues, our CoC (Nashville, TN) intends to ask for waiver to do NO unsheltered PIT count. Does that jeopardize chances for FY2021 CoC funding to the CoC?

January 8, 2021 2:36 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Sarah - no. car repairs for program participants cars is not eligible under the ESG or ESG-CV program.

January 8, 2021 2:36 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Amy - did you see David's response, that a document on incentives will be released next week?

January 8, 2021 2:37 PM from Thomas Bates to everyone: Is there the possibility of another extension to the LSA deadline given the continuing problems w/ error file generation and extremely low capacity of CoCs right now?

January 8, 2021 2:37 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: yes, thanks - re his next question also re getting moved up the priority list.

January 8, 2021 2:37 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: Will there be a vaccine for those younger than the age of 16?

January 8, 2021 2:37 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Suzie,

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January 8, 2021 2:38 PM from Jill Spangler to everyone: Does immunity begin after the first dose or not until the second?

January 8, 2021 2:38 PM from Kate Green to everyone: Are there any educational materials about the vaccines that might help encourage vaccination? I'm thinking about marketing materials, flyers, etc. that share information about safety, side effects, and so on.

January 8, 2021 2:38 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Is the following program compliant with the Equal Access Rule? - An emergency shelter program serves households with children and single women in a shelter facility and serves single men with motel vouchers.

January 8, 2021 2:38 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: May ESG-CV RRH funds be used to pay a realtor's fees to find a unit?

January 8, 2021 2:38 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: Can we use CDBG/ESG funds to continue our efforts for COVID testing or for Vaccine Distribution?

January 8, 2021 2:39 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Boosting question re vaccination flyers/educ materials specifically to communities of color/sion wou

January 8, 2021 2:39 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: initial discussions in our CoC have focused on concern that people residing in congregate shelters will not get the second dose of the vaccine due. Can CDC speak to the effectiveness of the vaccine if folks only get the first dose?

January 8, 2021 2:39 PM from Jaini Christison to everyone: If people have tested positive to COVID19 do they still need the vaccine?

January 8, 2021 2:39 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Suzie - we can't speak to future funding requirements. However, we will do all we can to ensure that CoCs who do not conduct

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an unsheltered PIT count will be minimally impacted. We don't want people harmed for choosing to not do a count due to safety risks.

January 8, 2021 2:39 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: Happy New Year, SNAPers! Thank you for your ongoing support. HUD Megawaiver #4, released 12/30/2020, for #7. One – Year Lease Requirement states, “Requirement: Program participants residing in PSH must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable for cause.” Does this mean that the requirement of 24 CFR 578.51(a)(I) Lease in effect for CoC RRH projects?

January 8, 2021 2:41 PM from Jessica Izquierdo to everyone: I have heard rumors that the first dose of the vaccine gives immunity. Is that the case? If it is, why do we need the second dose?

January 8, 2021 2:41 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: I know it's EARLY, but is there any discussion about 2021 NOFA? We're already into our cycle of scoring and prioritization prep for 2021. All of the last 6 months and still through spring expecting to be impacted by Covid

January 8, 2021 2:41 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Sarah - it would be helpful to receive more information. Do the single men have access to the same case management as households?

January 8, 2021 2:41 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: will do. thanks Lisa!

January 8, 2021 2:41 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amy - Norm will discuss on the call

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Kate - Yes. We will be rolling out materials over the next several weeks. You hopefully received the initial listserv just now. All resources will be loaded to this page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-planning-and-distribution>

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January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amy - about the FY 20 NOFA - not the FY 21 NOFA

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: If there is a non-profit that provides food, can they be considered a vendor for an emergency shelter? They would bill the shelter for goods/services provided.

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Griffin Hatlestad to everyone: How can we verify that our agency is on "the list" for vaccination as homeless service providers? We are a comparatively small agency that only receives state and federal funding through subcontracts.

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Am I understanding correctly from the most recent notice that HUD is allowing CoCs to apply for a waiver that would remove the requirement to do an unsheltered PIT Count altogether?

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Maria - yes, it is possible to use ESG or ESG-CV for a realtor's fee if that's necessary to assist a program participant to locate and obtain housing. Just a reminder that costs need to be reasonable and appropriate and if for-profit companies are used, procurement requirements apply (unless as otherwise provided under the ESG-CV notice)

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Michael Willson to everyone: How are communities preparing to maintain safety in regards to clients that are not interested in receiving the vaccine?

January 8, 2021 2:42 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Sarah - agree with Lisa, additional information would be helpful, but in general, if a shelter serves families with children it must serve all families with children equally (and not just women headed families with children)

January 8, 2021 2:43 PM from Kate Green to everyone: Thanks, David!

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January 8, 2021 2:43 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Boosting request for additional LSA extension given error file generation

January 8, 2021 2:44 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Tx, William- you, if we send waiver request to you, do we also need to send it to the HUD email address in the memo sent yesterday? I have seen language relating to waivers and to exceptions and am getting confused.

January 8, 2021 2:44 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrew - yes, the one-year lease requirement waiver also applies to RRH projects. The header of that one is definitely misleading!

January 8, 2021 2:44 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Samantha - ESG and ESG-CV funds can be used for a variety of costs used to support communities' testing and vaccination efforts. We'll be presenting on some of those eligible ESG costs for vaccine efforts in a bit

January 8, 2021 2:45 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: @Brett - Great, thank you! I thought so, but always better to double check!

January 8, 2021 2:46 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: @ Marlisa- THANK YOU SO MUCH!

January 8, 2021 2:46 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Do procurement requirements apply to vendors used in shelter renovation (minor rehab)?

January 8, 2021 2:46 PM from Tosin Osunbunmi to everyone: Will the recording and slides be available to attendees after the webinar or we have to access it on HUD Exchange

January 8, 2021 2:46 PM from Wendy Weckler to everyone: Do we know an approximate timeline when the vaccine may be approved for children?

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January 8, 2021 2:46 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: Re the Vaccine: can you get the vaccine & still be exposed to the virus and spread the virus . . but just not get sick (or as sick)?

January 8, 2021 2:47 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Takes 2 (both) vaccines for immunity, right? (assuming a few weeks post 2nd vaccine)

January 8, 2021 2:47 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Sarah - I suggest taking a look at 576.102 which talks about the eligible activities that can be billed as emergency shelter essential services, to determine if that procurement of food from the non profit vendor can be charged to your ESG grant

January 8, 2021 2:47 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Tosin - yes, they will be available on HUDEXchange in a few days

January 8, 2021 2:47 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amanda - CPD Memo: Availability of Waivers for the Biennial Point-in-Time Count of Unsheltered Homelessness (https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6246/cpd-memo-availability-of-waivers-for-the-biennial-pointintime-count-of-unsheltered-homelessness/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=58464b2907-hud_issues_cpd_memo_pit-count-1.7.21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-58464b2907-19226917) allows a waiver of the unsheltered PIT count. This is similar to the messaging we have provided already. The key to this waiver is that if you are a CoC that did not count in 2020 you must send a waiver email to 2021PIT@hud.gov. This gives us further legal protection if you didn't count last year. Other than that, the flexibility outlined in the memo is essentially to the same as what we had been talking about regarding exceptions.

January 8, 2021 2:48 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Sarah - food is an eligible cost under the Emergency Shelter - Operations activity, so you should be able to pay a vendor to supply your shelter. Keep in mind procurement requirements for contractors.

January 8, 2021 2:48 PM from adelina.correia to everyone: Will the chat questions and responses be made available on HUD Exchange? There is a lot of useful info on here.

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January 8, 2021 2:49 PM from S H to everyone: how long will the vaccination be effective

January 8, 2021 2:49 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Suzie - you only need to send an email to 2021PIT@hud.gov if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2020. If you did an unsheltered PIT count last year, you do not need to send another email.

January 8, 2021 2:49 PM from Karen DeBlasio to everyone: @Amy Stewart- SNAPS is discussing options around LSA challenges and the current deadline At this point we don't anticipate another extension but if there is one it will be announced via the HUD list serv

January 8, 2021 2:49 PM from Sarah Isaak to everyone: Can you provide the regulation citation for procurement requirements?

January 8, 2021 2:50 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: initial conversations with shelter providers in our community reveal that that frontline staff and residents are skeptical and the fact that they will still have follow guidelines CDC guidelines of wearing masks and distancing is leading to some deciding they will not get the vaccine. Can you speak to why, after getting the vaccine, folks still have to wear a mask, distance, etc.?

January 8, 2021 2:50 PM from Daliza Huggins to everyone: Can you give us a link which provides the actual ingredients that are in these vaccines?

January 8, 2021 2:50 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Sarah - yes, procurement requirements apply to contractors. The ESG-CV notice waives procurement requirements for recipients (not subrecipients). Here is some info on using contractors for ESG:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/SNAPS-Shots-Using-Contractors-in-ESG-and-CoC-Programs.pdf>

January 8, 2021 2:51 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

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January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Jill Spangler to everyone:	Really helpful presentation!
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Rebecca Peter to everyone:	Thank you
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Jeremy Hirsch to everyone:	Thank you for the great presentation and all the work YOU do!
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Greta Guarton to everyone:	This was very helpful. Thank you!
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Jack Moran to everyone:	Thanks Nathan,...v-safe details?
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Emily Mosites to everyone:	@Daliza the inserts include vaccine ingredients: https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Teresa Reinders to everyone:	Can a rural shelter purchase a van to transport clients back and forth to appointments under the ESG-CV funds?
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Jan Kelly to everyone:	Great presentation. Will you please remind us where this will be posted so we can share with other staff, volunteers & guests?
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Katie Peterson, she/her to everyone:	@Daliza- Here is the information for the Pfizer vaccine- https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download
January 8, 2021	2:51 PM	from Susan Walker to everyone:	great presentation, agreed

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January 8, 2021 2:52 PM from Jaini Christison to everyone: Our planning group talked about marketing for the vaccine locally. It was suggested that CDC marketing with a centralized message would be useful.

January 8, 2021 2:52 PM from Daliza Huggins to everyone: Thank you!

January 8, 2021 2:52 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: @Jack Moran- V-safe registration <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

January 8, 2021 2:52 PM from Katie Peterson, she/her to everyone: @Daliza- here is the Moderna one- <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

January 8, 2021 2:52 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Jan - the presentation will be posted <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/covid-19/>

January 8, 2021 2:54 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Teresa - yes, an emergency shelter provider can purchase a van with ESG (and ESG-CV) funds to transport shelter residents to other eligible essential services (e.g., medical appointments)

January 8, 2021 2:54 PM from Joanna Waters to everyone: Can a vaccinated person still transmit COVID?

January 8, 2021 2:54 PM from Brian Methvin to everyone: CDC currently does not classify Homeless Service provider staff as essential workers. Is there a reason for this? Can the issue be revisited?

January 8, 2021 2:55 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Brian Homeless Service providers are defined as essential workers. Please find the determinative guidance here: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>

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January 8, 2021 2:55 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Sarah - applicable procurement requirements for ESG are: 24 CFR 576.407(c) and (f); 2 CFR 200.317-200.326

January 8, 2021 2:56 PM from Griffin Hatlestad to everyone: @David how can we ensure that our employees are contacted for vaccination?

January 8, 2021 2:56 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: CDC will be hosting a webinar on vaccination among people experiencing homelessness. Jan 19th at 2pm EST: registration here https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_BGywQdgyTiGjkwkSHVS1pw

January 8, 2021 2:56 PM from Judi Lively to everyone: we've been in this pandemic got about 10 months, when will we have any idea of the percentages of immunikty for those that have had covid 19

January 8, 2021 2:57 PM from Thomas Bednar to everyone: File>Save As>Chat

January 8, 2021 2:57 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: Will the 25 billion in Emergency rental assistance that as allocated in the most recent COVID-19 relief bill be reviewed in future office hours?

January 8, 2021 2:57 PM from natalie burtzos to everyone: what if we missed the chat at the beginning and are looking for additiona information we missed?

January 8, 2021 2:57 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Griffin each local public health authority leads the local pandemic response. HUD will be rolling a series of materials to assist CoC/providers to join the conversation with local public health authorities. They are the entity to connect with. If you are stuck, you are welcome to submit a TA request through the AAQ.

January 8, 2021 2:57 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Great info from Nate- thanks

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January 8, 2021 2:58 PM from William Higgins to everyone: I have just been scrolling down to copy and paste...

January 8, 2021 2:58 PM from Jaini Christison to everyone: Can you provide the CDC link that has the vaccine marketing information - posters, etc.

January 8, 2021 2:58 PM from Rotella Galos to everyone: Can ESG-CV funds be used to purchase a customized mobile unit (van) for an Street Outreach Program?

January 8, 2021 2:58 PM from Natalie Matthews (she/her) to everyone: @Natalie, when saving the chat, it captures ALL chat messages received, no matter when you joined or when you hit Save

January 8, 2021 2:59 PM from Sarah Kahn to everyone: See HUD's new Vaccine Planning and Distribution: Roles and Responsibilities document here

January 8, 2021 2:59 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Jaini - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

January 8, 2021 2:59 PM from Sarah Kahn to everyone: Vaccine Planning and Distribution: Roles and Responsibilities for Homeless Service Providers

January 8, 2021 2:59 PM from Sarah Kahn to everyone: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Vaccine-Planning-and-Distribution-Roles-and-Responsibilities.pdf>

January 8, 2021 2:59 PM from Andrea Hurley to everyone: Another Boost for LSA extentions :)

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January 8, 2021 3:00 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Jaini - so long as the "customizations" are reasonable and appropriate, ESG and ESG-CV funds can be used to purchase a van to provide eligible street outreach services to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and to transport people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to eligible ESG essential services (e.g., medical appointments)

January 8, 2021 3:00 PM from Jessica Reed to everyone: On vaccine prioritization: is there any consideration to include congregate homeless shelters as residential facilities, on par with residential healthcare facilities? We are seeing a high infection rate within sheltered settings, which are often the primary point of access for those experiencing medical issues (substance use, medical, mental health).

January 8, 2021 3:01 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: @DalizaHuggins: This link includes a list of the components of the vaccines in a table near the bottom
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

January 8, 2021 3:01 PM from Sarah Kahn to everyone: See HUD's New COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Vaccine Planning and Distribution Webpage
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-planning-and-distribution/>

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: SW

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: @JackMoran: Here is some more info about v-safe.

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Morgan Wasikonis to everyone: what if your ESG-CV application was not specified to include funding for vaccination roll outs

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January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Kira Lewis to everyone: What is ESG?

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: So just to confirm- ESG funds can be used for testing for COVID and for Vaccination?

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: Louisiana CoCs are interested in the cost eligibility under the usual suspects (ESG, CDBG, ...) of giving direct incentives to participants who agree to receive a vaccine.

January 8, 2021 3:02 PM from Jessica Reed to everyone: On vaccine prioritization and implementation: if prioritized on par with residential health facilities, homeless shelters (such as those set up as temporary under California's Project Roomkey), we could more effectively distribute both doses of the vaccine since we will know where people are

January 8, 2021 3:03 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Kira - Emergency Solutions Grants <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>

January 8, 2021 3:03 PM from Bonnie Campbell to everyone: Are we able to MOD ESG-CV?

January 8, 2021 3:04 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Bonnie - I'm usually pretty good at acronyms, but what is MOD? Thanks!

January 8, 2021 3:04 PM from Lisa Karle to everyone: did providers with ESG CV funds need to request these activities to use the money for vaccine rollout?

January 8, 2021 3:04 PM from Ticorral Tolliver to everyone: Could you please provide a list of trainings that qualify for ESG-CV, outside of Vaccine training?

January 8, 2021 3:05 PM from Bonnie Campbell to everyone: @Brett - A modification to our original ESG-CV budget. Thank you!

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January 8, 2021 3:05 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: @JessicaReed: We recommend states/territories/cities consider vaccinating staff and residents of congregate living facilities at the same time since the risk is similar. It's at the bottom of this guidance document under 'Congregate Living Settings' <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/phased-implementation.html>

January 8, 2021 3:06 PM from Tosin Osunbunmi to everyone: Can you use CDBG-CV money for Vaccine administration low and moderate income individuals?

January 8, 2021 3:06 PM from Jack Moran to everyone: Any guidance for HMIS tool development for vaccine tracking? Also, are HMIS updates and training eligible for ESG.CV?

January 8, 2021 3:06 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: "Homeless services staff are essential workers": how far back does that go, according to HUD and CDC? Does it include homeless services provider staff who don't work directly with clients but DO have daily contact with direct service staff?

January 8, 2021 3:07 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: With those who are vaccinated/tested need to fall under the 50% AMI (ESG-CV)?

January 8, 2021 3:07 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Bonnie - Ah! thank you. Yes, you can amend your ESG-CV budgets - it may require a substantial amendment depending how your original plan was written. Take a look at the ESG-CV Notice for the requirements of amending your Action Plan and Con Plan: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/20-08cpdn.pdf>

January 8, 2021 3:07 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: (e.g. HMIS data entry folks, managers/supervisors, support staff, etc.)

January 8, 2021 3:08 PM from Bonnie Campbell to everyone: @Brett - Thank you!

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January 8, 2021 3:09 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Tosin - I'm not sure if we have any representation from the Office of Block Grant Assistance today. You may want to direct that question to your OBGA POC or CDBG POC.

January 8, 2021 3:09 PM from Tosin Osunbunmi to everyone: Okay. Thanks.

January 8, 2021 3:09 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Ticorral - we don't have a list of trainings that would qualify for ESG-CV training, but the Notice permits any training related to infectious disease prevention and mitigation for staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. This could include vaccine training as well as training on PPE, appropriate spacing and set up of shelters, how to conduct outreach safely in a pandemic - just as some examples.

January 8, 2021 3:09 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Gordon - in general, the approach to vaccinating the community follows a risk-based decision making model. It would be inconsistent with that model to vaccinate non-client facing staff before those that do work with clients. For specific guidance please submit an AAQ.

January 8, 2021 3:10 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: @David: thanks!

January 8, 2021 3:10 PM from Andrew Zegura to everyone: Is there any guidance on how to record shelters that currently have 0 bed capacity due to covid on the HIC but plan to be back open after the pit in time date.

January 8, 2021 3:11 PM from Brian Roccapriore (he/him) to everyone: HMIS Privacy / Security info: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-Privacy-Security-Standards-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

January 8, 2021 3:12 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Andrew - no. The HIC is limited to a single point in time that corresponds to your PIT count date. That naturally leads to some issues when looking at the data at other periods of time. We understand that as a parameter of the HIC. However, you can use the HIC template to track things throughout the year. This may help with some of your messaging around your COVID response and the impact of COVID on your homeless population.

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January 8, 2021 3:12 PM from mark miller to everyone: Program: ESG Regular/Annual RRH not being used for COVID-19 Response. Item: Bound by FMR limits. Question: Is it possible to utilize Reasonable Accommodation to go up to 120% of FMR due to a document disability that is directly related to the issue of going above FMR. Household has mobility issues and requires a first floor unit with smaller amount of steps.

January 8, 2021 3:13 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: @GordonLevine. We don't specify degree of COVID-19 exposures, rather it is the essential nature of the work that is qualifying. Your state plan might further subprioritize whether people have direct client contact though. For the list of essential workers, you can see this resource from CISA:
https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ECIW_4.0_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers_Final3_508_0.pdf

January 8, 2021 3:14 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: @Samantha - the 50% AMI income eligibility requirement applies to ESG Homelessness Prevention assistance.

January 8, 2021 3:16 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Mark - no, there are not currently any megawaivers in place that would permit annual ESG not being used COVID for units that are above FMR. You could seek a waiver from your local HUD CPD Field office to go above FMR if it is needed in your community.

January 8, 2021 3:17 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: @ThanhPham. The exact timing of COVID-19 vaccination rollout is determined by your state health department. Most state health departments have updates on their website, announcements, or press conferences to share the latest. In general, states may not have the bandwidth to determine super precise vaccination criteria within groups since there is a lot of different groups to plan for. We don't want the criteria to be too stringent such that too many people get turned away and we don't get vaccine out quickly.

January 8, 2021 3:17 PM from Andrea Curtis to everyone: Providers in our CoC are providing gift cards to those receiving gift cards. Those are paid for with the Treasury CARES Act funding. Can ESG-CV funding be used to pay for the gift cards?

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January 8, 2021 3:18 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: Seconding @Andrea Curtis' question about incentives to PEH receiving vaccines.

January 8, 2021 3:18 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: Can a CoC board pay a person with lived experience's time serving on the board?

January 8, 2021 3:19 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Carrie - Yes. Your CoC Planning dollars can be used.

January 8, 2021 3:19 PM from Andrea Curtis to everyone: @Gordon thanks for clarifying my question also.

January 8, 2021 3:19 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Andrea Curtis - what are they supplying gift cards for?

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Andrea Curtis to everyone: @Lisa to take the vaccinations

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: @Lisa, and there is no concern that this would make them an employee? there is some push back from some that by doing anything other than reimbursing expenses creates an employee relationship

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Andrea - gotcha. I was getting my questions crossed.

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Andrea - purchasing gift cards (including food vouchers to area grocery stores) is not, in and of itself, an eligible cost under the ESG Program, including ESG-CV. That being said, if the gift card is used by the program participant for eligible activities, and the recipient is able to document that it was used to pay for eligible costs, gift cards may be used to pay for the cost of those services. This documentation requirement applies whether the gift card is to a grocery store or a restaurant. If the recipient or subrecipient is not able to ultimately determine and document that the program participant used the gift card to pay for eligible ESG Program

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costs, recipients or subrecipients may not be reimbursed with ESG or ESG-CV grant funds for the purchase of gift cards.

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Megan Stuart to everyone: @Carrie- we treat them as consultants rather than employees

January 8, 2021 3:20 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Carrie - no, there is no concern. It's the same as compensating a contractor for their time.

January 8, 2021 3:21 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: (@Carrie, I'm working on pulling together an answer for that same question from over here with examples -- I haven't dropped that thread!)

January 8, 2021 3:21 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Megan - awesome. Thanks for weighing in.

January 8, 2021 3:22 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: @Carrie - SNAPS has heard overwhelmingly from people with lived experience that monetary compensation is preferred for their work on CoC planning.

January 8, 2021 3:24 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Regarding initial inspection waiver, at the point at which it is safe to go back and conduct the inspection in person, if the participant is no longer occupying the unit or if they have been exited from the program, how should CoC providers proceed?

January 8, 2021 3:24 PM from Rotella Galos to everyone: if a customized mobile unit was purchased for a subrecipient - can ESG-CV funds be used to pay internet service for the vehicle to be used for Street Outreach?

January 8, 2021 3:25 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: @Lisa - thank you, i will!

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January 8, 2021 3:27 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Rotella - if internet is needed to carry out one of the eligible street outreach activities (e.g., case management or entering data into HMIS), then yes, the cost of internet could be an overhead cost of that activity.

January 8, 2021 3:28 PM from Rotella Galos to everyone: @Brett Thanks!

January 8, 2021 3:28 PM from Nathan Furukawa to everyone: Sorry all. I have to drop off. Thanks for your attention and wish you well.

January 8, 2021 3:28 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: Thank you!

January 8, 2021 3:28 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Lauren - that's a good question. Can you submit it to the AAQ and we'll get you an answer.

January 8, 2021 3:29 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone:
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMms2033790>

January 8, 2021 3:29 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Question re waiver on suitable dwelling size. Did the language change? "is waiver for recipients providing Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing assistance for leases and occupancy agreements." Does this also include PSH? Thanks

January 8, 2021 3:30 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Amy - no, that language has not changed. It only applies to RRH projects. Not PSH.

January 8, 2021 3:31 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @Brett - Thanks! I submitted it to AAQ on Tuesday

January 8, 2021 3:32 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: easternpa@dma-housing.com is my email address

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January 8, 2021 3:32 PM from Justin Marino to everyone: Incredible postive outlook Margot. Fantastic information. Cannot thank you enough.

January 8, 2021 3:32 PM from Jessica Reed to everyone: Has CDC/HUD considered racial equity implications of vaccine prioritization? For example, if healthcare workers including those conducting telehealth/outpatient services and are a) more likely white/non persons of color and b) have a lower risk to exposure are categorically prioritized over those in, say, homeless congregate shelters who are staffed by more people of color with higher rates of infection.

January 8, 2021 3:33 PM from Justin Marino to everyone: Are their any resources regarding tracking of vaccinations using HMIS?

January 8, 2021 3:33 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: @Brett - Will do

January 8, 2021 3:34 PM from Brian Roccapriore (he/him) to everyone: @Justin - we are working on that now, and should have more information soon.

January 8, 2021 3:35 PM from Justin Marino to everyone: Thanks Brian

January 8, 2021 3:35 PM from Tamera Kohler to everyone: This is great. Clear and well thought out road map for us to put into action. Thanks Michele, Cynthia and Margot!

January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from Catherine Huang to everyone: someone keeps typing

January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Jessica - Yes. Equity has been a component of the conversation at every level. That said every community is making its own decisions regarding how these vaccines are administered. Issues like the age parameter for "high risk" have different meaning among individuals experiencing homelessness and people who are not white. So while each discussion from the National Academy of Science to the ACIP to CDC have included the topic, always need more (and tangible actions) discussions related to equity based decisions.

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January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: someone is unmuted and typing loudly

January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from Ann Pope to everyone: Will a transcript of this presentation be available?

January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Ann - yes, in a few days at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/covid-19/>

January 8, 2021 3:37 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: ICYMI: National HCH Council published a policy brief on vaccines that gives a good list of issues and strategies that might be helpful: <https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Issue-brief-10-COVID-19-HCH-Community-Vaccines.pdf>

January 8, 2021 3:38 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Aimee - yes, we will still issue award letters for FY 2020

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Lauren Pareti to everyone: Will Planning be adjusted for the current ARD or at 2019 level?

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Norm - how does this impact UFAs, please

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Lauren - for the current ARD

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Amanda B to everyone: What if we have a grant that was funded under FY19 that expired in 2020 (it runs Jan 1, 2020- Dec. 31, 2020). The FY20 renewal would be Jan 1 - Dec 31 2021

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January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: FMR increases for FY2020 renewals- what about projects w operating costs & no rental assistance? No adjustments there?

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: will there be a competitive process for new money available for 2020 CoC funding

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amy - UFAs will have their renewals renewed - if you consolidated grants, they will not be consolidated in esnaps

January 8, 2021 3:39 PM from Jessica Sones to everyone: @Norm - will grantees have to do anything in esnaps related to renewal?

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from mark miller to everyone: Consolidations?

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Is YHDP still delayed? Sorry if I missed this earlier

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: Will planning grants be renewed?

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Mark - consolidations will not be allowed for FY 20

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Jessica Reed to everyone: HOORAY! THANKS NORM!

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Yayyyyyyyyy

January 8, 2021 3:40 PM from Pamela Phillips-Zeller to everyone: Does this mean no new YDHP grants?

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January 8, 2021	3:40 PM	from Ebony Rankin to everyone:	@Amanda/Pamela - there will still be a YHDP NOFA
January 8, 2021	3:40 PM	from Catherine Huang to everyone:	How will planning grants be calcuated?
January 8, 2021	3:40 PM	from Justin Marino to everyone:	Great News for everyone!
January 8, 2021	3:40 PM	from Bonnie Campbell to everyone:	Thanks Norm!
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from Jessica Reed to everyone:	Echo the question on Planning Grants
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from Ebony Rankin to everyone:	@Mitchel - there will be planning grants for FY 20
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from Maria Davis to everyone:	Great News, Thanks so much SNAPers!!
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone:	what about a process for the New CoC funding?
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from David Koch to everyone:	Thank you Jesus!!!!
January 8, 2021	3:41 PM	from William Jones to everyone:	Our Current COC Grant Expires 1/31/21. When will the new allocation be available to drawdown.

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January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Nicole Dewitt to everyone: COnsolidations??????

January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Bonnie Campbell to everyone: Echo @William Jones

January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Gordon Levine to everyone: I think I speak for ~400 CoC grant writers when I say "thank you for 'you don't have to do anything to renew your CoC Program projects.'" :)

January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Lisa Coffman to everyone: LOL @ David Koch

January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: Agreed - @Gordon!

January 8, 2021 3:41 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: But, I am wondering how the planning grant will be calculated because it isn't a normal renewal grant.

January 8, 2021 3:42 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @William - if your grant expires 1/31/21 - your FY20 funds are available for eligible activities on 2/1/21

January 8, 2021 3:42 PM from Tamera Kohler to everyone: Thank you SNAPers!! Best news of the week! We needed some good news!

January 8, 2021 3:42 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: It did not seem at ALL clear to me that the notice yesterday ONLY applies to CoCs that did NOT do unsheltered count in 2020. How did I miss that?

January 8, 2021 3:42 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: There is no gap in renewal grant funding

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January 8, 2021 3:43 PM from Kristi Schott to everyone: If there is no gap in renewal funding and a CoC does not have the signed grant award, how can the recipient draw down from LOCCS?

January 8, 2021 3:43 PM from Margaret Lijewski to everyone: So no work in esnaps on the 2020 renewals either for grantees or CoC staff?

January 8, 2021 3:43 PM from Candace Timmerman to everyone: If your CoC did do an unsheltered count in 2020 does that automatically exempt a CoC?

January 8, 2021 3:43 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: @Ebony - so will you use FPRN for 2020 or 2019?

January 8, 2021 3:44 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: yes - how about Planning grants, please?

January 8, 2021 3:44 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Carrie - that info will be in the Notice

January 8, 2021 3:44 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: How will the DV and Youth new projects be awarded? Is there a firm date for the NOFA?

January 8, 2021 3:44 PM from Amanda B to everyone: What about the message that came out in February about another NOFA for Unsheltered Homelessness: "HUD plans to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) targeted to Continuums of Care (CoCs) with high levels of unsheltered homelessness"

January 8, 2021 3:44 PM from Keenan Jones to everyone: GREAT NEWS!!!

January 8, 2021 3:45 PM from Jessica Sones to everyone: Any YHDP updates? :)

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January 8, 2021 3:45 PM from Andrew Willard to everyone: Thanks for all your work and advocacy on the behalf of those we serve and us!

January 8, 2021 3:45 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Jessica - no YHDP updates - we are still working on it. There will be a NOFA

January 8, 2021 3:46 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: What agency has this funding

January 8, 2021 3:46 PM from Samantha Carpio to everyone: Who's should we contact? Which state office?

January 8, 2021 3:46 PM from Greta Guarton to everyone: It's through Treasury

January 8, 2021 3:47 PM from Whitney Patterson she/her to everyone: The equity tools that have been developed by HUD TA should be really helpful for this new funding source, as well! (e.g., developing equitable application processes)

January 8, 2021 3:47 PM from Katie Peterson, she/her to everyone:
<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>

January 8, 2021 3:47 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: @Brett and all - sorry. I'm still a bit confused. Re: waiver on suitable dwelling size: In the Applicability section, it states "...for leases and occupancy agreements EXECUTED BY recipients or subrecipients...". Does this waiver apply to RRH participants who sign their own leases with the landlord?

January 8, 2021 3:48 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Candace - if you did an unsheltered count in 2020, you do not need to submit anything more to HUD. This is different than we have done to date due to the guidance in the CPD Memo: Availability of Waivers for the Biennial Point-in-Time Count of Unsheltered Homelessness (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6246/cpd-memo-availability-of-waivers-for-the-biennial-pointintime-count-of-unsheltered->

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homelessness/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=58464b2907-hud_issues_cpd_memo_pit-count-1.7.21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-58464b2907-19226917).

January 8, 2021 3:48 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: will the youth PIT still have the option of conducting their PIT in another time other than January?

January 8, 2021 3:49 PM from Colleen Moore to everyone: Please note, from Treasury document: Completed payment information and a signed acceptance of award terms form generally must be submitted not later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on January 12, 2021, to ensure payments are made within the 30-day period specified by the statute.² Eligible grantees that do not provide complete information by 11:59 p.m. EDT on January 12, 2021, may not receive an Emergency Rental Assistance payment.

January 8, 2021 3:50 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Amy - I understand the confusion - yes it will include leases executed during the timeframe discussed in the waiver. Which for RRH projects are leases executed between program participants and landlords.

January 8, 2021 3:51 PM from Amanda Slater to everyone: Did I miss any updates on YHDP NOFA?

January 8, 2021 3:51 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Chris - that depends on the context of your local CoC. CoCs can continue to do some or all of a PIT count. But if you plan on submitting that data to HUD you may need to seek a waiver (if you didn't count last year). And HUD does not allow CoCs to submit data on just one subpopulation. So if you want to do a youth PIT count and submit data to HUD there needs to be at least a number for the total homeless population.

January 8, 2021 3:51 PM from Peter Burke to everyone: Do we know when the 1B Phase of Vaccines are going to be distributed or is there even a "ball park estimate"?

January 8, 2021 3:51 PM from Ebony Rankin to everyone: @Amanda - no YHDP updates - we are still working on it. There will be a NOFA

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January 8, 2021 3:52 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: If our CoC received approval to use our BNL in lieu of an unsheltered pit count, do we report the BNL #'s "as if" we completed an in person count?

January 8, 2021 3:53 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Angela - yes. We essentially approved you to do your count using your BNL. So it counts as doing the count. Because you did a count last year you don't have to send any additional emails.

January 8, 2021 3:54 PM from Angela Hogan to everyone: @William - thank you! That was what I thought..

January 8, 2021 3:55 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: @Peter - different phases will run concurrently in local jurisdictions. Your local public health authority and state is best positioned to answer that question.

January 8, 2021 3:56 PM from Chris OHara to everyone: William, what does BNL stand for?

January 8, 2021 3:56 PM from Cynthia Nagendra to everyone: Incentives seemed to play a huge part in the success of our engaging people. People were willing to wait an hour to get even tested for the gift card when there was NO wait at the free clinic around the corner of our pop-up site. Our study convinced SF DPH to start offering incentives.

January 8, 2021 3:56 PM from Keenan Jones to everyone: By Name List

January 8, 2021 3:57 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: @cynthia: glad to hear that it was such a success!

January 8, 2021 3:57 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Chris (per Keenan's response) - BNL = By Name List

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January 8, 2021 3:58 PM from Cynthia Nagendra to everyone: @barbara - yes, we were overwhelmed with the people who wanted to get tested as we were told many people wouldn't want to. Marketing materials, incentives, and using the community artwork on the materials, and the community outreach workers seems to be the most effective combination to gain trust and engagement

January 8, 2021 3:58 PM from Jessica Izquierdo to everyone: Great session! Thank you!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Beth Sharber to everyone: Thanks to All!!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Amy Stewart to everyone: Thanks, SNAPS! HNY!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from denise albertson to everyone: Happy New Year everyone

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Maria Davis to everyone: Great start, wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Karen Byron to everyone: Thanks for the great session and your efforts SNAPS and CDC!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Heidi Young to everyone: Thank you for having these sessions - information is truly so valuable!

January 8, 2021 3:59 PM from Keenan Jones to everyone: Great Session! Happy New Year to everyone as well!!

January 8, 2021 4:00 PM from Tosin Osunbunmi to everyone: Thank you.

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January 8, 2021 4:00 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: Thanks SNAPS for the good news on the FY 2020 HUD CoC Renewals!

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, January 8, 2021

Starting time: 1:46 PM

-WaTasha Barnes Griffin - 2:06 PM

Q: Have you started?

Priority: N/A-

-JENNIFER CLARKE - 2:37 PM

Q: NATHAN...are they continuing to monitor text group subjects for length of efficacy?

Priority: N/A-

-Nequana Stevens - 2:38 PM

Q: Will there be a cost for the vaccination

Priority: N/A-

-Tosin Osunbunmi - 3:00 PM

Q: Can you use CDBG-CV & ESG-CV money for Vaccine administration to homeless &/ low and moderate income individuals?

Priority: N/A-

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-Lisa Karle - 3:06 PM

Q: did providers with ESG CV funds need to request these activities to use the money for vaccine rollout?

Priority: N/A-

-Jessica Reed - 3:04 PM

Q: residential facilities, on par with residential healthcare facilities? We are seeing a high infection rate within sheltered settings, which are often the primary point of access for those experiencing medical issues (substance use, medical, mental health).

Priority: N/A-

-Jessica Reed - 3:05 PM

Q: entation: if prioritized on par with residential health facilities, homeless shelters (such as those set up as temporary under California's Project Roomkey), we could more effectively distribute both doses of the vaccine since we will know where people are

Priority: N/A-

-Gordon Levine - 3:44 PM

Q: Can you speak to best practices for integrating vaccination tracking into HMIS?

Priority: N/A-