

**COVID-19 Office Hours: Chat and Q&A
November 6th, 2020**

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November 6, 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)

November 6, 2020 2:32 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: Good Afternoon,

November 6, 2020 2:32 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: Woot Woot

November 6, 2020 2:33 PM from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: (I may have missed this convo, but my question is:)

Has/how has COVID-impacted housing issues affected TH provision?

November 6, 2020 2:34 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Link to CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>

November 6, 2020 2:38 PM from DAVID CANAVAN to everyone: Emily, is that another name for the TB lights?

November 6, 2020 2:39 PM from jihye yoon to everyone: Could you please provide guidance on 'maximum days stay' for emergency shelters funded with ESG-CV?

November 6, 2020 2:40 PM from Emily Mosites to everyone: David, yes! Essentially using UV to de-activate pathogens, like bacteria (TB) or viruses (COVID)

November 6, 2020 2:40 PM from Andrea Curtis to everyone: This is probably related to surface cleaning, but a couple of our shelters are using electrostatic decontamination. Are those recommended for shelters?

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November 6, 2020 2:40 PM from Kate Green to everyone: Would appreciate any additional guidance on warming centers. We are getting pushback on the approach that has been taken in the past with Police stations, Fire stations, etc. This could be an opportunity to identify a better solution for those who often don't want to interact with law enforcement anyway. Any novel ideas from other communities would be much appreciated.

November 6, 2020 2:41 PM from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: This is what I want to know, Barbara... specifically as it relates to TH

November 6, 2020 2:42 PM from Suzie Tolmie to everyone: Any good ideas about how to do Gaps Analysis that is meaningful, helps guide resources, but does not waste time s& resources this year?

November 6, 2020 2:42 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Here's the link to our webinars: <https://nhchc.org/webinars/>

November 6, 2020 2:42 PM from Gillian Morshedi to everyone:
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Grants-Management-ESG-Homelessness-Prevention-Eligibility-During-Eviction-Moratoria.pdf>

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November 6, 2020 2:44 PM from Tiffany Leung to everyone: How effective is the CDC moratorium? How much weight does it hold because I have been reading articles across the country where many evictions are still being processed and moving forward in the courts

November 6, 2020 2:45 PM from William Snow to everyone: @Suzie and Nancy: This estimating future homelessness resource is intended to help get a sense of gaps analysis and what might be coming into the system. It does not answer the direct question about TH but is intended to have a broader perspective on the needs you may see based on the current circumstances in your area: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6136/covid19-homeless-system-response-estimating-future-homelessness/>.

November 6, 2020 2:46 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Here's a good eviction moratorium fact sheet with the declaration of eligibility that needs to be filled out by a client. https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/CDC-Eng_2-2.pdf

November 6, 2020 2:47 PM from Barbara DiPietro to everyone: Note: we are hearing that clients are often unaware of the need to fill out these forms. Please ask case managers or others to help clients where needed/possible.

November 6, 2020 2:47 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Tiffany - the moratorium has definitely had an impact in putting off evictions. But there are many kinds of evictions that are still not covered (e.g., evictions for reasons other than non-payment of rent). And some landlords are ignoring the moratorium. In that latter case, tenants should seek help from local legal aid to help. The penalties for violating the moratorium are steep and we have seen success with legal aid in different parts of the country.

November 6, 2020 2:48 PM from Charlotte Woody to everyone: Trying to understand, can we not benefit an eligible client with rental assistance if they need assistance during the moratorium period? What if they did not complete a declaration?

November 6, 2020 2:51 PM from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: Got it. Thanks.

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November 6, 2020 2:53 PM from Tiffany Leung to everyone: Also interested in @Charlette's question.

November 6, 2020 2:54 PM from Connie Sanderson to everyone: If a state is saying no one can actually be evicted until "the end of COVID" this would supercede the CDC Moratorium, correct?

November 6, 2020 2:55 PM from Kali Adams to everyone: I want to make sure I heard correctly. If a tenant is eligible under an eviction moratorium but the landlord is proceeding with an illegal eviction, the tenant may be eligible for Homelessness Prevention.

November 6, 2020 2:55 PM from Nancy Fitzpatrick to everyone: Will there be additional funds made available for prevention in expectation of landlords requiring all past due funds to be paid at once?

November 6, 2020 2:56 PM from Tiffany Leung to everyone: Where can I find the CDC FAQ?

November 6, 2020 2:57 PM from William Snow to everyone: CDC Eviction Moratorium FAQs: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/eviction-moratoria-order-faqs.pdf>.

November 6, 2020 2:57 PM from Tiffany Leung to everyone: @William, thank you!

November 6, 2020 3:02 PM from Natalie Ramey to everyone: At this point most families owe more than 6 months . What should we do for families that are backed up on rent since April? Is there any discussion to raise the arrears from 6 months for the ESG CV program?

November 6, 2020 3:02 PM from Tiffany Leung to everyone: If a tenant did not submit a declaration, does that make the tenant eligible? Or no, because the moratorium is in place regardless

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November 6, 2020 3:03 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: I want to ensure I understood correctly, folks can receive homeless prevention assistance if they are being evicted other than non payment during the pandemic? aka not due to COVID-19? I was under the impression that in order to be eligible for ESG-CV homeless prevention it must be related to COVID-19.

November 6, 2020 3:05 PM from Brett Esders to everyone: @Michelle - if someone is being evicted for a reason not related to non-payment of rent and they otherwise meet the definition of at risk of homelessness they can be served with ESG funds. You're right, ESG-CV funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and to the extent that keeping someone in their home prevents the spread of COVID-19 (which is essentially all cases right now) you can use ESG-CV funds to pay for the homelessness prevention activities.

November 6, 2020 3:05 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Tiffany - the guidance on the declaration is not clear. Our understanding is that the declaration can be signed at any point during the eviction moratorium period and it will apply to the whole period. It appears that a signed declaration is required so tenants should be signing that declaration.

November 6, 2020 3:06 PM from Charlotte Woody to everyone: If they choose to not do the declaration, can I pay rental and utility assistance with Homelessness Prevention funds?

November 6, 2020 3:06 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: when do you anticipate the unsheltered guidance being published?

November 6, 2020 3:08 PM from Joyce Tavon to everyone: I urge HUD to encourage the unsheltered count as a best practice, even recognizing all the challenges. The concern is with shelter depopulation there are going to be a lot more people who are unsheltered. We need to do better at identifying this potential huge impact of the pandemic.

November 6, 2020 3:09 PM from Riley Wilkerson to everyone: Will there be an option to do the PIT Count at a later date in 2021?

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November 6, 2020 3:09 PM from Amanda B to everyone: Please keep in mind that unsheltered counts will be higher as we have significantly reduced capacity at congregate shelters and therefor this will impact both our HIC bed numbers and our unsheltered count.

November 6, 2020 3:09 PM from Tarra McFadden to everyone: will there be opportunites for reallocation?

November 6, 2020 3:10 PM from Lauren Whitleigh to everyone: since we will likely be unable to engage in reallocation this year, would like to request that HUD put out some guidance about any flexibility with grant transfers.

November 6, 2020 3:10 PM from Tarra McFadden to everyone: what about grant consolidations?

November 6, 2020 3:11 PM from Mitchel Blum-Alexander to everyone: If Congress does not act, is there an alternative plan beng considered for the 2020 CoC NOFA?

November 6, 2020 3:11 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Riley - likely no different than normal on the timing for the PIT count. There is some flexibility to delay a PIT count a month or two but the timeline for submitting the PIT count data in HDX is the same in those cases. You could consider that. This may make sense for your jurisdiction, especially if the weather is relatively similar between the end of January and a month or two later.

November 6, 2020 3:11 PM from Michelle Herrera to everyone: what about CoC Planning grants. They are usually with new not renewal?

November 6, 2020 3:12 PM from Gillian Morshedi to everyone: @ Michelle I thikn Norm said for planning and UFA grants, they'd happen like they usually do

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November 6, 2020 3:12 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: last we spoke with our field office, they communicated that changes cant be made to GIW now. perhaps headquarters could send them communication that you are allowing changes to GIW

November 6, 2020 3:12 PM from kenzie Strubank to everyone: What it is the alternative plan for a competition if Congress does not act?

November 6, 2020 3:12 PM from William Higgins to everyone: Will extra vouchers from covid be funded in the new grants (beyond the FY20 awards)

November 6, 2020 3:12 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Amanda - the HIC and PIT count data (and all other data on homelessness) will certainly be different due to COVID-19. This is one of the reasons we need some data. We need to understand generally what is going on in communities.

November 6, 2020 3:13 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Winter Planning resources: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6193/covid19-homeless-system-response-winter-planning-resources/>

November 6, 2020 3:13 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: re: unsheltered PIT Count, you mentioned timing. Does that mean unsheltered count could happen later than last 10 days of january?

November 6, 2020 3:13 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @kenzie - if we do not get authority from Congress for an abbreviated CoC funding process, we would run the CoC Competition as we normally would.

November 6, 2020 3:13 PM from kenzie Strubank to everyone: Thank you, Norm!

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November 6, 2020 3:14 PM from Carrie Poser to everyone: CoC Competition - so that sounds processing for what should have happened this year, but the next one (CoC competition) would be coming up in May . . should we be prepared for that to be a real one?

November 6, 2020 3:15 PM from Arielle Benson to everyone: I just logged in. Is there a timeline for releasing PIT guidance? I know many are in the middle of planning already, my team included!

November 6, 2020 3:15 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Lauren - you can seek an exception to the last 10 days of January requirement of the PIT count. As I stated above, you still have to submit based on the normal HDX timeline and you need to confirm that the climate and circumstances are similar. But the short answer is Yes - we will consider requests for an exception if needed.

November 6, 2020 3:16 PM from Marlisa Grogan to everyone: Winter Shelter Planning Tools: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6193/covid19-homeless-system-response-winter-planning-resources/>

November 6, 2020 3:17 PM from Natalie Matthews to everyone: Estimating Future Homelessness...: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6136/covid19-homeless-system-response-estimating-future-homelessness/>

November 6, 2020 3:17 PM from Lauren Whiteleigh to everyone: @ William - Thank you! Sorry. I missed your earlier post about this.

November 6, 2020 3:17 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Arielle - no timeline yet. We will put out the PIT count guidance as soon as we can. We know it is critical to get it and are trying to get the answers we need to move forward.

November 6, 2020 3:18 PM from Eleanor Vega to everyone: I have a question with regards to ESG-CV funding. We had a fire in our area after the pandemic started. A number of families are unable to return their homes at this time. Trailers were provided and space rent was provided by

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November 6, 2020 3:18 PM from Tamera Kohler to everyone: For clarification, if a date change is requested for the unsheltered count, the HIC and Sheltered count would need to be on that same date?

November 6, 2020 3:19 PM from William Snow to everyone: @ Tamera - yes. The HIC and PIT count (sheltered and unsheltered) must be tied to the same date.

November 6, 2020 3:19 PM from Leslie Canada to everyone: thnak you

November 6, 2020 3:20 PM from Norm Suchar to everyone: @Eleanor, can you submit an AAQ with your question?

Q&A Session for COVID-19 Office Hours

Session number: 610976677

Date: Friday, November 6, 2020

Starting time: 1:28 PM

-Andrea Curtis - 2:39 PM

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Priority: N/A-

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-Gregg McConkey - 2:51 PM

Q: Any word on HUD issuing guidance pertaining to Monitoring.

Priority: N/A-

-William Snow - 2:59 PM

A: No monitoring guidance yet. While work is being done on this it will still take at least a few weeks to wrap up. I would not expect that in the very near future.-

-Brian Alexander - 3:01 PM

Q: When will HUD release 2021 PIT/HIC guidance?

Priority: N/A-

-William Snow - 3:06 PM

A: We will release the guidance as soon as we have approval on how to proceed. We will provide it as soon as we can. Sorry for the delays.-

-Genevieve Herrera - 3:07 PM

Q: Has HUD given any thought to broadening the term "DV Coordinated Entry" to capture individuals and families fleeing other kinds of interpersonal violence covered in the Category 4 definition (e.g. "Coordinated Entry for Persons Fleeing Violence")?

Priority: N/A-

-William Higgins - 3:13 PM

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Priority: N/A-