



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

November 6, 2020



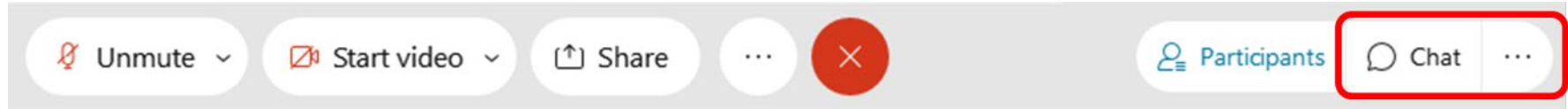
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- A recording of today's session, along with the slide deck and a copy of the Chat and Q&A content will be posted to the HUD Exchange within 2-3 business days
- Event information for upcoming Office Hours, along with copies of all materials can be found here:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>

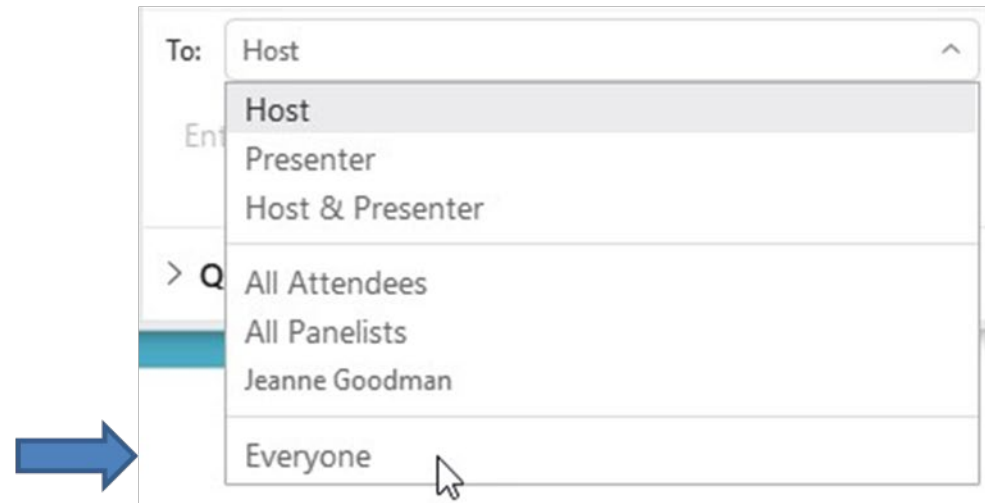
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 - Norm Suchar
 - Brett Esders
 - Marlisa Grogan
 - William Snow
- Taylor Kiely, CPD Representative, Chicago Field Office
- Aaron Weaver, Policy Development & Research
- David Canavan, HUD TA, Canavan Associates

Speakers & Resource Advisors

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Emily Mosites, PhD MPH- COVID-19 At-Risk Population Task Force, Senior Advisor on Health and Homelessness

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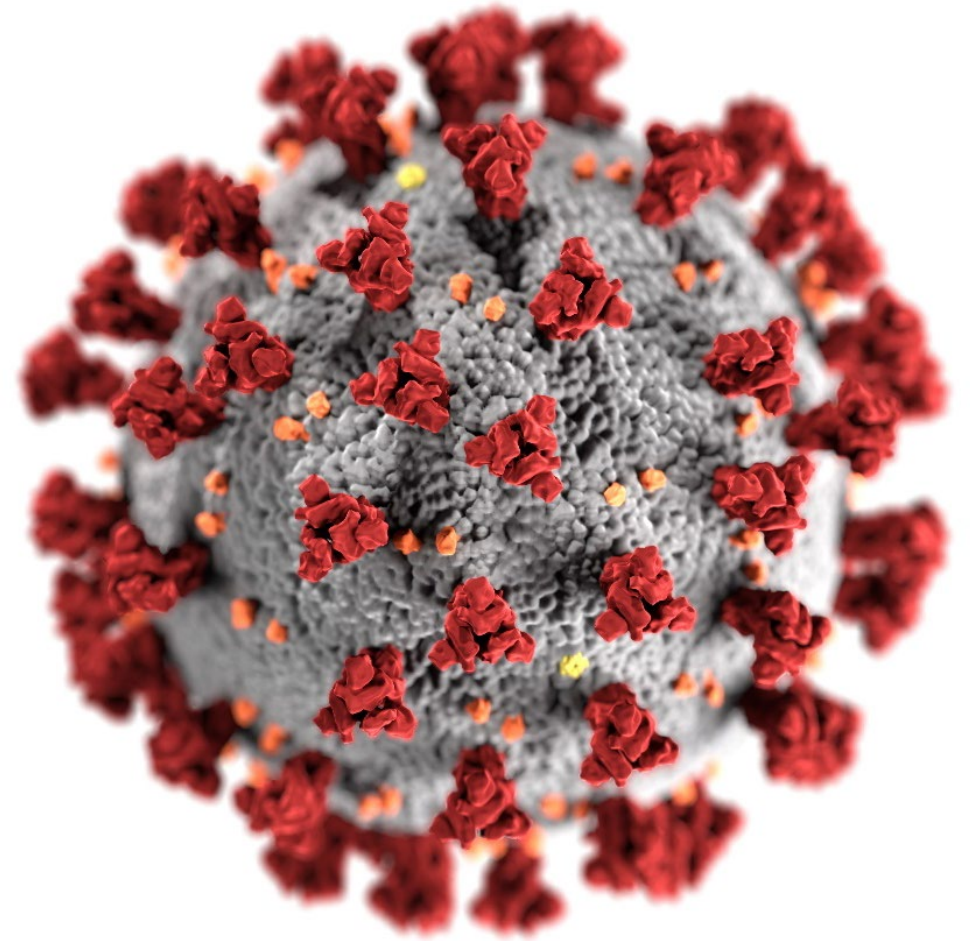
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- Jillian Weber, PhD, RN, CNL, Homeless-PACT National Program Manager, VHA Homeless Program Office

COVID-19 and Homelessness

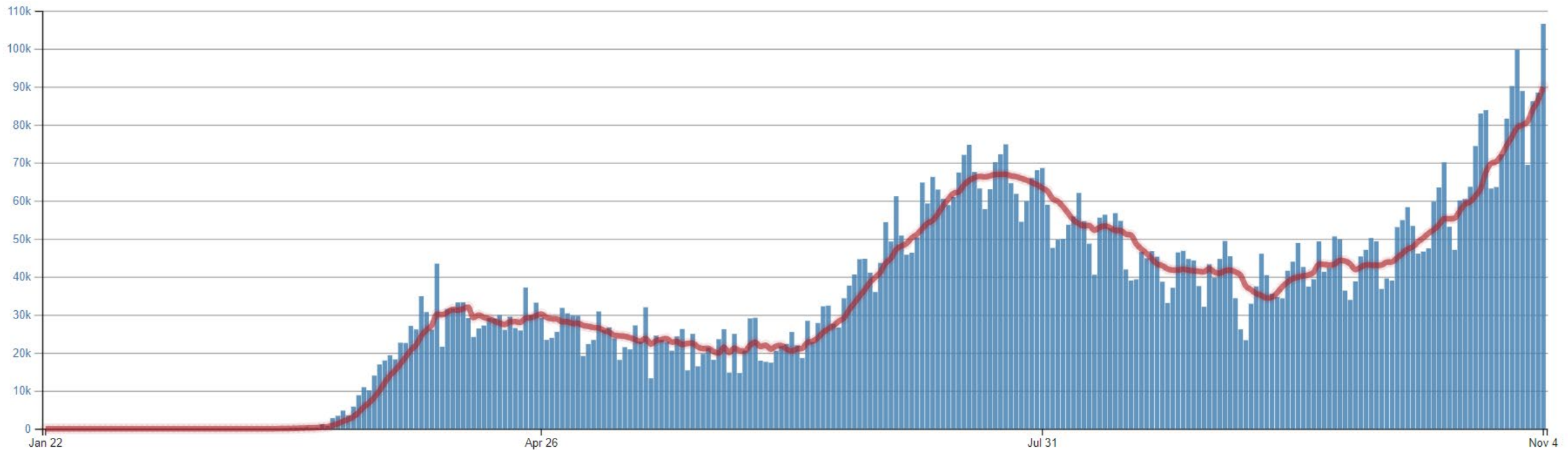
Updates

Homelessness Unit
Disproportionately Affected Populations Team
CDC COVID-19 Response



cdc.gov/coronavirus

9.5 million cases reported in the United States*



*as of 11/5/20

CDC guidance related to homelessness and COVID-19

Ongoing Mitigation Guidance

Guidance to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19

People experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Homeless service providers

Checklist for Homeless Service Providers During Community Re-opening

Testing in homeless shelters and encampments

Considerations for state and local health departments

Youth Experiencing Homelessness

COVID-19 Infection Control Inventory and Planning (ICIP) Tool for Homeless Service Providers  [PDF – 426 KB]

Prevention and Support

CDC/EPA cleaning and disinfection guidance

Screening for symptoms

FAQs for homeless shelters

Extra precautions for people experiencing homelessness

Homeless Shelter Worker Training  [PDF – 1 MB]

Dashboard on Universal COVID-19 Testing at Homeless Service Sites 



Ventilation Considerations for Homeless Shelters

- Ensure ventilation systems are operating properly and meet any applicable codes
- Best combination of steps to improve ventilation will depend on several factors related to each facility including layout, environmental factors, available resources
- Collaborate with the health department and other community partners to identify resources for improving ventilation and air quality. Some potential sources include Emergency Solutions Grants Program, Emergency Solutions Grants Program COVID-19, Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 and Coronavirus Relief Fund.



Ventilation Considerations for Homeless Shelters

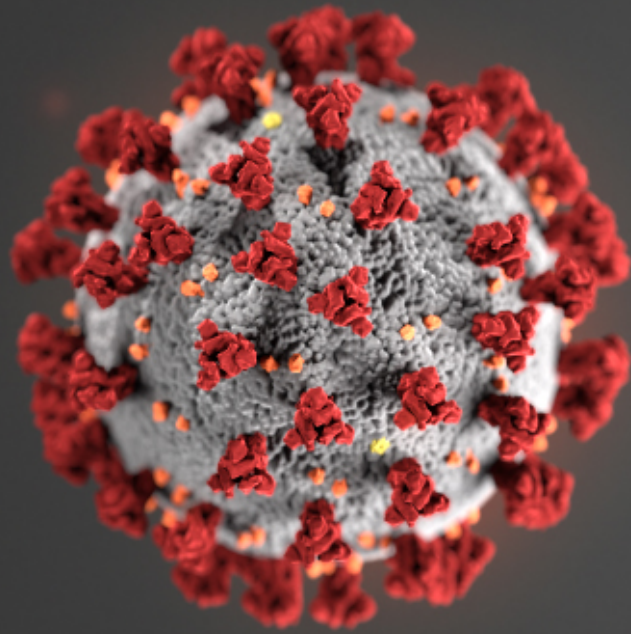
- Steps to improve ventilation may include:
 - Using natural ventilation to increase indoor delivery of outdoor air as much as possible
 - Open windows if safe to do so
 - Use window or box fans secured in windows to blow air out
 - Increasing total airflow supply to occupied spaces
 - Disabling demand-control ventilation controls
 - Improving central air filtration
 - Running HVAC system at maximum outside airflow for 2 hours before and after occupied times
 - Generating clean-to-less clean air movements by evaluating positioning of supply and exhaust air diffusers and adjusting zone supply and exhaust flow rates



Ventilation Considerations for Homeless Shelters

- Consider use of HEPA fan/filtration systems
- Ensure exhaust fans in kitchens and restroom are operating at full capacity
 - Consider running for several hours before and after space is occupied when possible
- Consider using ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) as a supplemental technique to inactivate potential airborne virus in the upper-room air of common occupied spaces, in accordance with industry guidelines.





For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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FRIDAY “WINTER” WEBINAR SERIES

1. Flu & COVID-19: 11/6

- Prepare for flu and COVID-19 co-testing, vaccine administration, and treatment
- Discuss recent CDC guidance
- Share strategies from health center and outreach settings

2. Cold Weather and Disasters: 11/13

- Prepare, plan, and respond to extreme cold weather and the health issues for those living outdoors, as well as natural disasters such as hurricanes and fires.
- Share examples of communities leveraging federal/local funds and working with area partners
- Discuss HUD winter guidance for shelters & strategies to overcome barriers posed by decompressed shelters

3. Evictions & Social Upheaval: 11/20

- Address communities' experiences in evictions leading to homelessness and preparations for a larger wave as eviction moratoria expire
- Reflect on the uprisings in response to structural racism, how the unrest relates to the trauma of injustice, and the toll of the pandemic on our collective mental health



HUD TA RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

- ESG Homelessness Prevention Eligibility during CDC Moratorium
- [ESG Homelessness Prevention Eligibility During Eviction Moratoria](#)



CDC Moratorium

- Temporarily halts residential evictions for nonpayment of rent during September 4, 2020 – December 31, 2020.
- Eviction: any action by landlord, owner, etc. to remove or cause the removal of a covered person from a residential property
- [Order](#) does not prevent landlords from starting eviction proceedings, provided actual eviction does not take place during the period of the Order.
- Order does not terminate or suspend operations of any state or local court

CDC Moratorium – Covered Person

Any tenant, lessee, or resident of a residential property who provides landlord with the [declaration form](#), certifying to:

- ✓ Having made efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
- ✓ Not expecting income to exceed \$99K (\$198 for joint return) in annual income for CY 2020; or not having been required to report income in 2019 to IRS, or having received Economic Impact Payment;
- ✓ Having experienced substantial loss of income, compensable hours of work/wages, layoffs, incurred extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses resulting in inability to pay full rent or housing payment;



CDC Moratorium – Covered Person

- ✓ Making best effort to make timely partial payments;
- ✓ Being likely to become homeless or live in crowded or congregate living situation if evicted;
- ✓ Acknowledging that terms of lease or other similar contract still apply (including late fees, penalties, or interest)
- ✓ Acknowledging that at the end of eviction moratorium (i.e., 12/31/2020), landlord may require payment in full for all rent due and that failure to pay may result in eviction pursuant to state and local laws.

ESG Program – Homelessness Prevention Eligibility

Homeless Definition, Category 2

- Acceptable documentation includes eviction notice, notice to quit, notice to terminate, demand notice – must show a reasonable expectation that tenant will lose residence within 14 days
- Earliest time to qualify is 14 days prior to 12/31/2020 if landlord starts eviction action and tenant will lose housing 1/1/2021

Remember additional eligibility criteria: (income; no resources or support networks; no subsequent residence)



ESG Program – Homelessness Prevention Eligibility

At Risk of Homelessness Definition, Category 1C

- Acceptable documentation must substantiate that a household's right to occupy housing will be terminated within 21 days, not necessarily that the household will be required to leave the unit within 21 days.
- The above documentation is insufficient for HP eligibility. Household also needs to show a lack of resources and support networks and income qualification.
- The CDC Moratorium protections are a resource or support network



ESG Program – Homelessness Prevention Eligibility

- If covered by the moratorium, tenant is not eligible for Homelessness Prevention assistance under:
 - Category 2 of the Homeless Definition where residence will be lost within 14 days; or
 - Category 1C of the At Risk of Homelessness definition where right to occupancy will be lost within 21 days
- In both situations, CDC moratorium is considered a resource or support network preventing eviction.
- If you are unsure about how to make an eligibility determination, please submit an AAQ

CDC Moratorium

What should a covered person do if they receive an eviction notice for nonpayment of rent?

- Reach out to case manager as soon as possible
- Inform landlord that although the CDC moratorium does not prevent landlords from starting eviction proceedings, the actual eviction cannot take place during the period of the Order.
- Seek [legal assistance](#)



IRS extends the deadline for people who don't normally file taxes to sign up for an Economic Impact Payment

Register by

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www.irs.gov/eipnonfiler

New Resources Posted

- [Webinar: IDIS Setup and Draws for ESG-CV](#)
- [Webinar: Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness](#)

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

