



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

October 30, 2020



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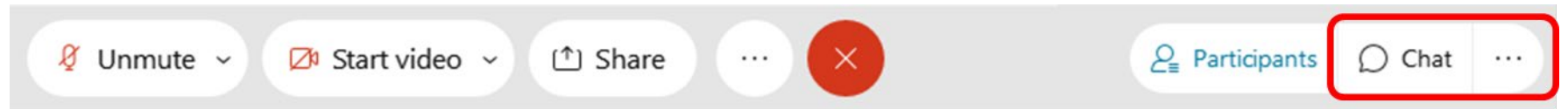
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-webinars-and-office-hours>

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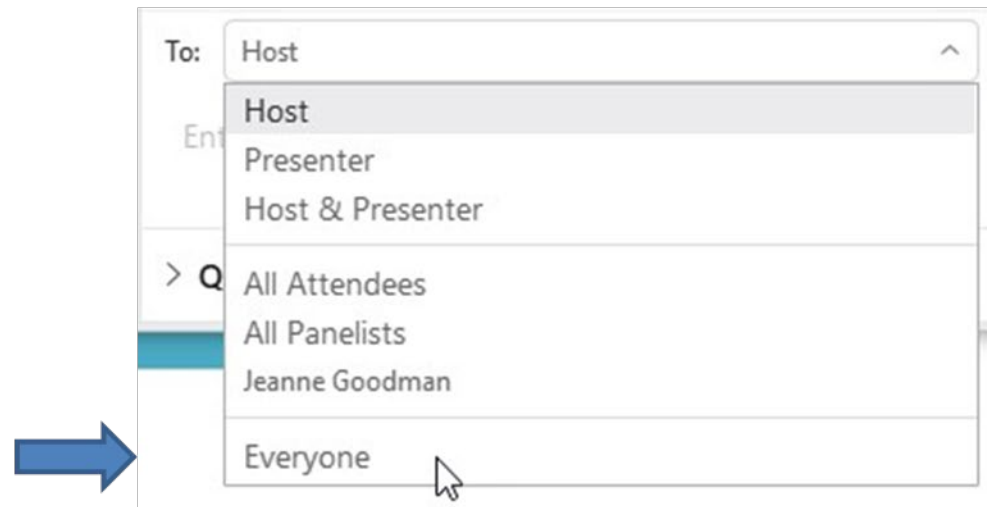
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- Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
 - Norm Suchar
 - Lisa Coffman
 - Brett Esders
 - Marlisa Grogan
 - Tre Lee
 - April Mitchell
 - Sharon Singer
 - William Snow
- Taylor Kiely, CPD Representative, Chicago Field Office
- Aaron Weaver, Policy Development & Research
- David Canavan, HUD TA, Canavan Associates

Speakers & Resource Advisors

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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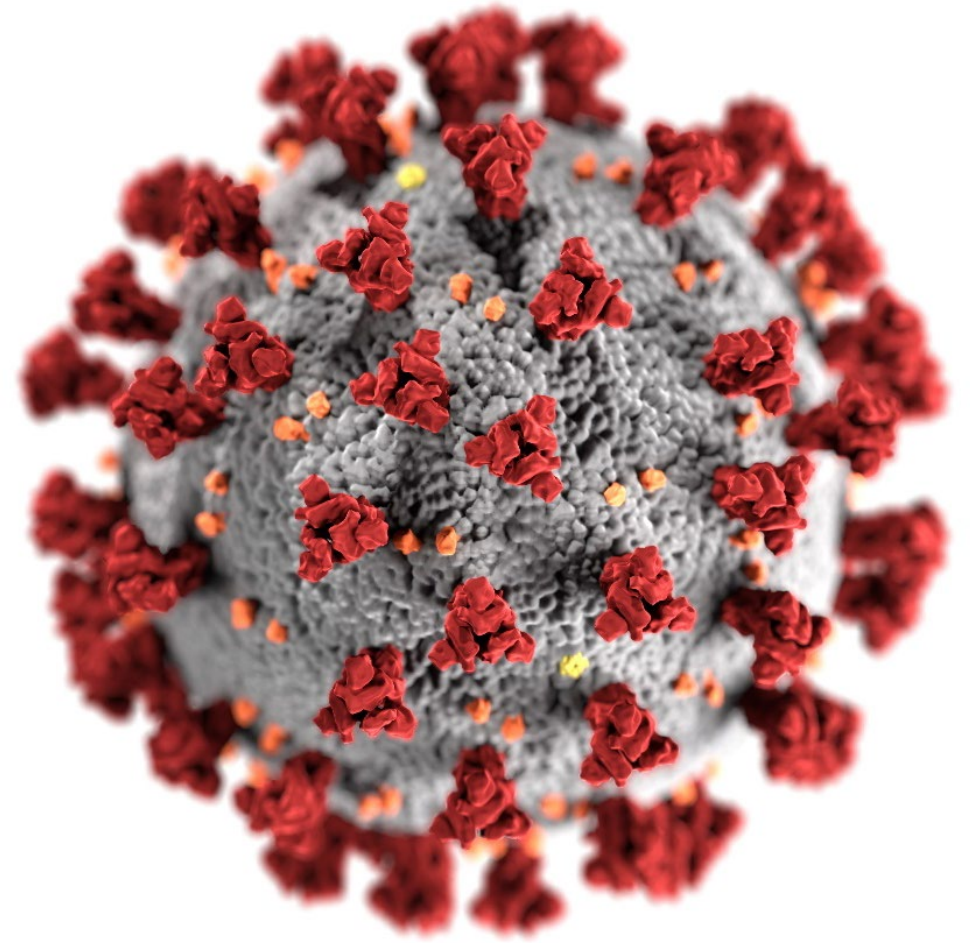
Department of Veterans Affairs

- Dina Hooshyar, MD, MPH, Director, National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans (the Center), VHA Homeless Program Office
- Jillian Weber, PhD, RN, CNL, Homeless-PACT National Program Manager, VHA Homeless Program Office

COVID-19 and Homelessness

Updates

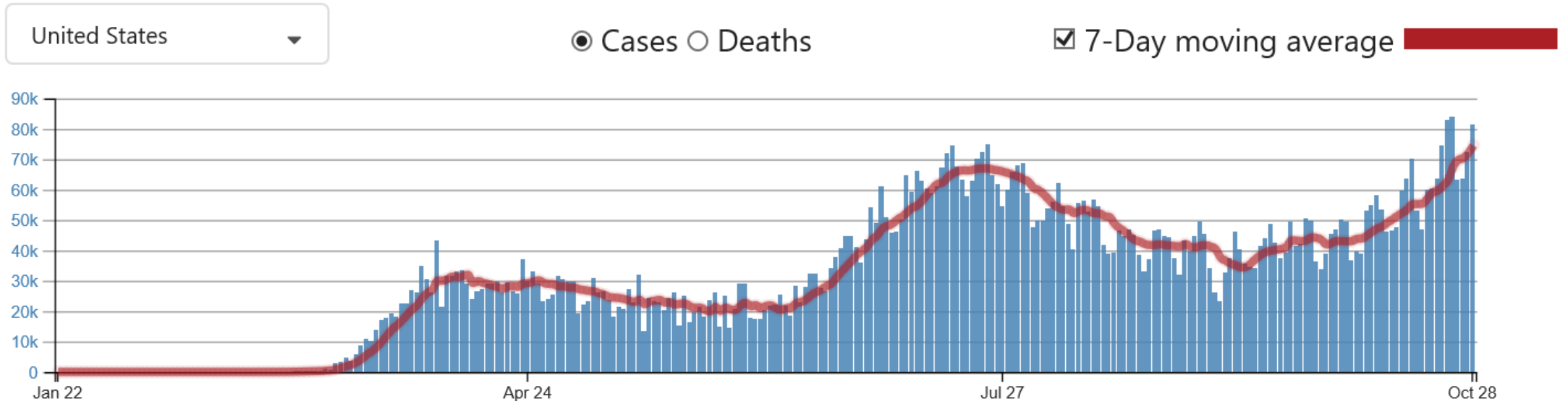
Homelessness Unit
Disproportionately Affected Populations Team
COVID-19 Response



cdc.gov/coronavirus

8.8 million cases reported in the United States*

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



https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailytrends

*as of 10/29/20

Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Updated Aug. 5, 2020

Languages ▾ Print



This interim guidance is based on what is currently known [about coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will update this interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available.

[Printer friendly version](#)

Summary of Recent Changes

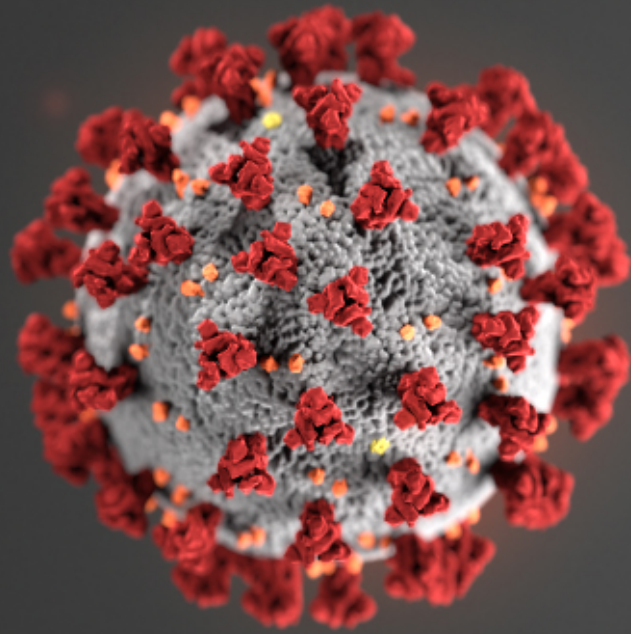
A revision was made on 4/21/2020 to reflect the following:

- Revisions to document organization for clarity
- Description of “whole community” approach
- Description of considerations for facility layout
- Description of considerations for facility processes
- Revisions with the understanding that many people might be asymptotically infected with COVID-19
- Clarification of mask use by clients and staff
- Clarification of personal protective equipment use by staff
- Updated resources

In this guide

[Community coalition-based COVID-19 prevention and response](#)[Communication](#)[Supplies](#)[Facility layout considerations](#)[Facility ventilation considerations](#)[Facility procedure considerations](#)[COVID-19 Readiness Resources](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>



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

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



HUD TA RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

- Live demo - [Disease Risks and Homelessness](#) landing page on the HUD Exchange
- TA product recommendations – Top 5 Lists



Share your feedback in the Chat!

- Which resource(s) would you recommend?
- Do you have suggestions for needed TA resources?
- What would help make the Disease Risks and Homelessness landing page more user friendly?

TOP 5 - If you are...an ESG Recipient

1. [ESG-CV Notice Summary](#)

High-level summary of the ESG-CV Notice

2. [Summary of ESG Program Waivers and Alternative Requirements](#)

Chart itemizing all waivers and alternative requirements, showing their applicability to all types of ESG Program funding

3. [Eligible ESG Program Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#)

Explains how ESG funding can pay for Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter essential supplies and services to reduce the spread of infectious disease

4. [Setting Up a Substantial Amendment for CARES Act Funding](#)

Instructions for how to submit a substantial amendment for CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, and HOPWA-CV) and info about the HUD field office review

5. [IDIS Fact Sheet for ESG and ESG-CV Funds Setup](#)

Explains both ESG and ESG-CV funding setup in IDIS



TOP 5 - If you are...a Community Experiencing a Spike in COVID Infections

1. [Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs](#)

Provides framework and examples for planning and responding to infectious disease

2. [Non-Congregate Sheltering: Approaches for COVID-19 Homeless Response and Recommendations for Requests for Assistance](#)

Guidance for designing non-congregate shelter approaches and drafting requests for assistance

3. [Essential Services for Encampments During an Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)

Info on providing safer options and meaningful choices to people who are unsheltered

4. [Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs](#)

5. [Shelter Management During an Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)

Operational considerations for congregate shelters during an outbreak

TOP 5 - If you are...a Rehousing Provider

1. [Planning a Housing Surge](#)

Guides communities through the planning and execution of a housing surge

2. [Rapid Rehousing Ramp Up](#)

Identifies special considerations for communities launching or surging RRH programming. Includes recommendations for rural, youth and other sub-populations

3. [Landlord Engagement](#)

Suite of documents outlining landlord engagement strategies including immediate and proactive communication, recruitment, and retention.

4. [Strategies for Eviction Prevention](#)

Identifies strategies, including problem-solving tools and other mainstream anti-poverty programs, to prevent evictions and keep people stably housed.

5. [Primer on Serving People with High Acuity Needs](#)

Primer on high-acuity populations, staffing models, service approaches

TOP 5 - If you are...a System Planner

1. [Rehousing and Coordinated Investment Planning Tool](#)

Spreadsheet helping communities define and quantify need for housing supports and services as a part of COVID response

2. [Designing a Centralized Rent Administration Program](#)

Explains how a centralized rent administration program can improve system efficiency

3. [Design and implement ESG](#)

Highlights important considerations for selecting subrecipients and implementing strategies to prioritize high-impact ESG activities

4. [5 Things to Consider When Investing ESG in Homelessness Prevention](#)

Identifies 5 ways to implement a strategy that effectively targets prevention resources

5. [Changes to Coordinated Entry Prioritization to Support and Respond to COVID-19](#)

TOP 5 - If you are...a Rural Community

1. [ESG Homelessness Prevention Eligibility During Eviction Moratoria](#)

Eligibility criteria for ESG-CV HP assistance and the impact of eviction moratoria

2. [Targeting Homeless Prevention in the Midst of COVID 19](#) and [Homeless Prevention Resources](#)

Webinar and materials to develop a local strategy that embeds principles of equity and effectively and efficiently prevents homelessness for households most at-risk

3. [Coordinated Investment Planning: How the Dakota County COVID-19 Response Team is Coordinating Stakeholders to Develop a Data-Informed Investment Plan](#)

Dakota County, MN process for maximizing COVID-19 resources and some strategies that came out of it, including the creation of affordable housing units

4. [Winter Planning Resources](#)

Includes a planning template, alternative sheltering options, COVID checklists

5. [Rapid Rehousing Ramp Up](#)

Discusses impact of COVID on the need for and conditions surrounding RRH



TOP 5 – For everyone!

1. [Increasing Equity in the Homeless Response System Through Expanding Procurement](#)
Identifies changes to procurement processes to be more inclusive of smaller community-based organizations and those led by people of color
2. [Advancing Racial Equity through Assessments and Prioritization](#)
Identifies strategies to advance racial equity and dismantle embedded racism in CE assessment and prioritization processes
3. [Rehousing Activation and Racial Equity](#)
Explains the foundation of racial equity as it relates to rehousing activation and COVID
4. [Data & Equity: Using the Data You Have](#)
Identifies tools for analyzing homelessness data related to equity, demographics, and system performance.
5. [Equity Capacity Building: Hiring, Supervision, Training](#)
Identifies ways that organizations can strengthen internal equity practices

The Work of Racial Equity

- COVID-19 has amplified the historic and current racial biases and discrimination embedded in our systems, processes, and practices.
- People most harmed by COVID, housing instability and homelessness include racial minorities, especially Black and Indigenous people, those who are elderly, and those who have health problems, especially respiratory problems.
- The SNAPS Office is committed to working with CoCs and ESG grantees and supporting communities advancing their efforts to be more equitable and to close racial disparities.

Key General Administrative Requirements for All HUD Grantees

Compliance with Non-discrimination and Related Requirements:

- Compliance with Fair Housing and Civil Rights Laws
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (Section 3)
- Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Accessible Technology

Key General Administrative Requirements for All HUD Grantees

Equal Access to Housing Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

- Ensure Participation of Small Disadvantaged Businesses, and Women-Owned Business
- Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
- Violence Against Women Act
- Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards

[The full text of the requirements is available for recipients' review on the HUD.gov website](#)

New Resources Posted

- [5 Tips to Approaching Rehousing with Racial Equity](#)
- [Comparable Database Vendor Checklist](#)
- [Eligible ESG Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#) - updated
- [Partnering with Local PHAs](#)
- [Summary of ESG Program Waivers and Alternative Requirements](#)
- [Winter Planning Resources](#) – new resources added

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

