

Infection Control and Winter Planning Quick Reference Guide

Have questions about infection control? Need help preparing for winter?

Look no further—this guide will link you to the resources you need!

Winter Planning Resources

The winter planning <u>overview</u> helps identify partners and links to resources, including the <u>Winter Response</u>

<u>Activation and Communications Planning Guide and Template</u>, which provides key decision points and preparation guides, including:

- <u>Winter Emergency Plan</u>, which is designed to help communities build a versatile strategy adaptable to changing conditions and shelter surges.
- <u>Preparedness checklists</u> that can help shelter providers with strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- Visit the <u>winter planning landing page</u> for additional guidance and resources.



- Read the <u>good</u>, <u>better</u>, <u>best approaches</u> to shelter for a review of isolation and quarantine space. If you expect to isolate individuals in shelters, consult this <u>shelter-based guidance</u>. If you have funds to renovate your shelters to improve infection control measures.
- Review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) COVID-19
 infection control guidance for supporting <u>individuals experiencing homelessness</u>
 and those <u>living unsheltered</u>. The National Healthcare for the Homeless'
 (NHCHC's) <u>COVID-19 landing page</u> provides information and resources to
 support people experiencing homelessness.
- Start with the Infectious Disease Toolkit, which focuses on preventing and managing the spread of disease among <u>people experiencing homelessness</u> and those in <u>shelters</u> and <u>encampments</u>.

Vaccination Outreach and Resources

Vaccinations for COVID-19, MPX, and the flu are critical as we move into winter. Use the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) <u>vaccine toolkit</u> to hone your messaging skills and visit the <u>vaccine landing page</u> to learn about distribution and vaccine confidence strategies.

MPX Prevention and Mitigation

MPX is an infectious virus that causes flu-like symptoms and a rash. To learn about MPX, visit the <u>CDC landing page</u> or read <u>NHCHC's fact sheet</u>. HUD has developed an MPX <u>Q&A</u>, <u>planning guide</u>, and informational <u>flyer</u> for people experiencing homelessness.