



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

September 23, 2022



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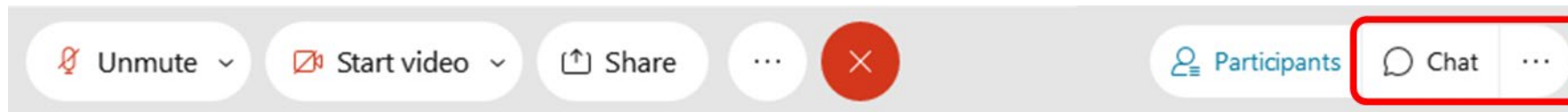
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- Password for all COVID Office Hours: **HUD456**
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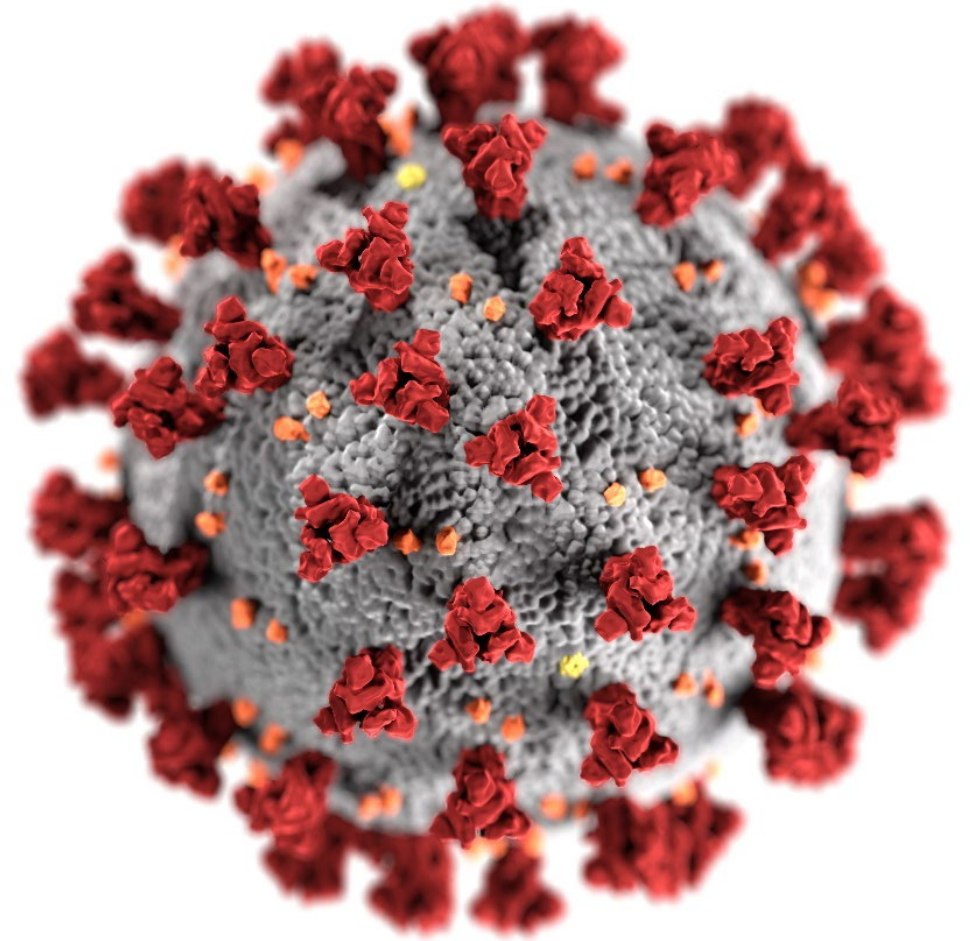
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 - Norm Suchar
 - Karen DeBlasio
 - Sharon Price Singer
 - Caroline Crouse
 - April Mitchell-Gasque
 - William Snow
 - Brett Esders
 - Ebony Rankin
- Ashley Kerr, HUD Technical Assistance

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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COVID-19 Update

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cdc.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 Hospitalizations Over Time

New Admissions of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19, United States Aug 01, 2020 - Sep 19, 2022



5,323,607

Total Admissions

Aug 01, 2020 - Sep 19, 2022

4,108

Current 7-Day Average

Sep 13, 2022 - Sep 19, 2022

4,409

Prior 7-Day Average

Sep 06, 2022 - Sep 12, 2022

21,525

Peak 7-Day Average

Jan 09, 2022 - Jan 15, 2022

-6.8%

Percent change from prior 7-day
avg. of Sep 06, 2022 - Sep 12, 2022

-80.9%

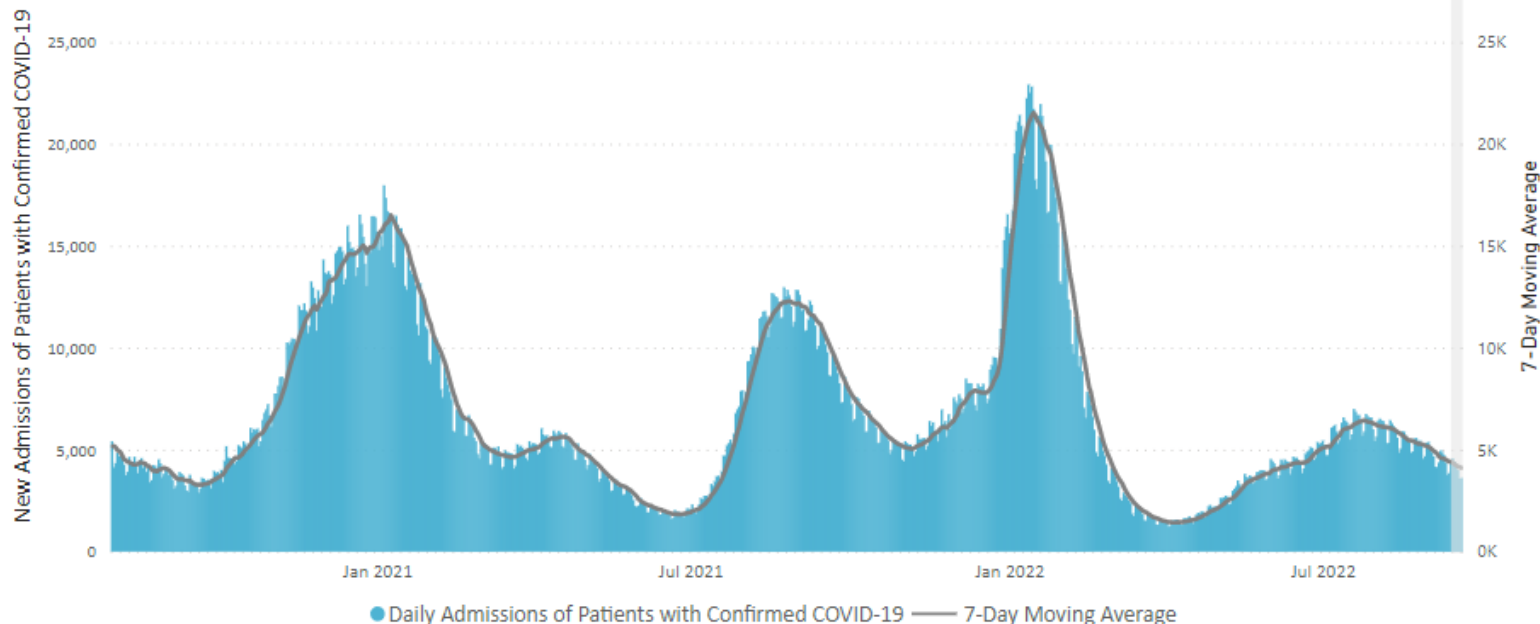
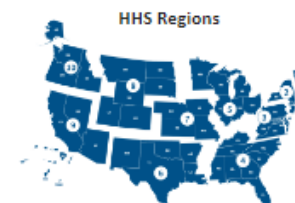
Percent change from peak 7-day
avg. of Jan 09, 2022 - Jan 15, 2022

By Jurisdiction and Age Group

By Jurisdiction

Select a Jurisdiction

United States



Based on reporting from all hospitals (N=5,306). Due to potential reporting delays, data reported in the most recent 7 days (as represented by the shaded bar) should be interpreted with caution.

Small shifts in historic data may occur due to changes in the CMS Provider of Services file, which is used to identify the cohort of included hospitals. Data since December 1, 2020 have had error correction methodology applied. Data prior to this date may have anomalies that are still being resolved. Data prior to August 1, 2020 are unavailable.

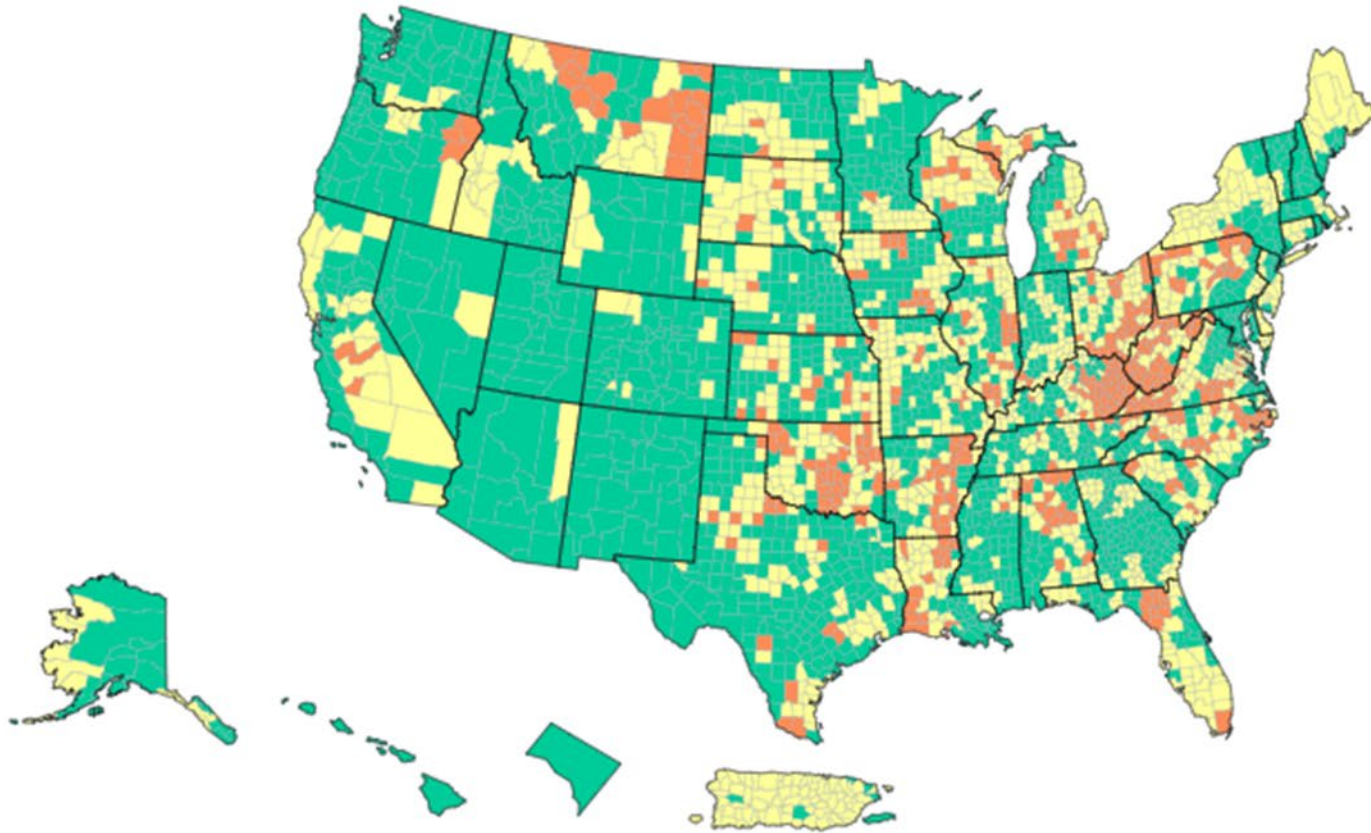
Last Updated: Sep 21, 2022

Unified Hospital Dataset, White House COVID-19 Team, Data Strategy and Execution Workgroup



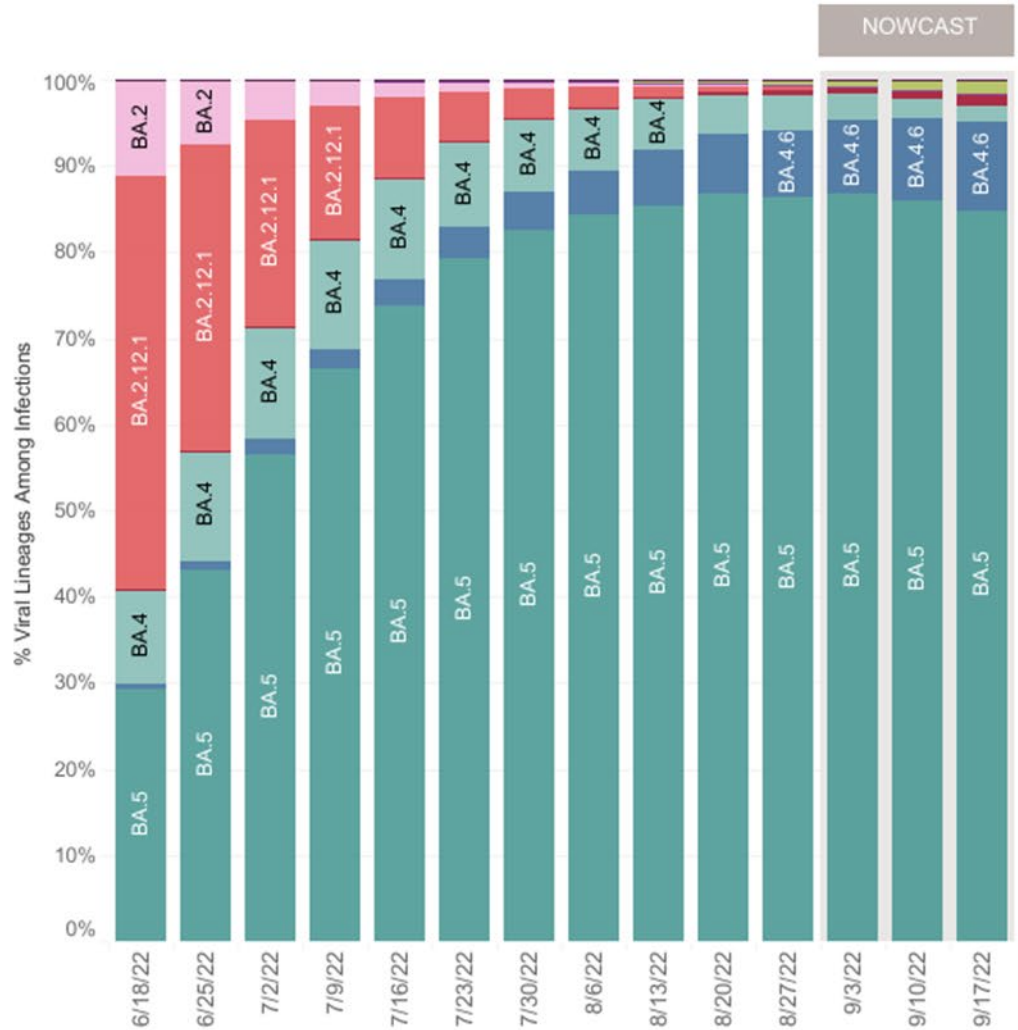
[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

COVID-19 Community Levels Map



| New Cases ¹ (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days) | Indicator | Low | Medium | High |
|---|---|--------|------------|--------|
| <200 cases | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7- day total) ² | <10.0 | 10.0-19.9 | ≥20.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) ³ | <10.0% | 10.0-14.9% | ≥15.0% |
| ≥200 cases | New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7- day total) | NA | <10.0 | ≥10.0 |
| | Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) | NA | <10.0% | ≥10.0% |

COVID-19 Variant Proportions



| USA | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|------------|--|
| WHO label | Lineage # | US Class | %Total | 95%PI | |
| Omicron | BA.5 | VOC | 84.8% | 83.2-86.3% | |
| | BA.4.6 | VOC | 10.3% | 9.1-11.7% | |
| | BA.4 | VOC | 1.8% | 1.6-1.9% | |
| | BF.7 | VOC | 1.7% | 1.2-2.4% | |
| | BA.2.75 | VOC | 1.3% | 0.8-2.2% | |
| | BA.2.12.1 | VOC | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| | BA.2 | VOC | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| | B.1.1.529 | VOC | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| | BA.1.1 | VOC | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| | | | | | |
| Delta | B.1.617.2 | VBM | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |
| Other | Other* | | 0.0% | 0.0-0.0% | |

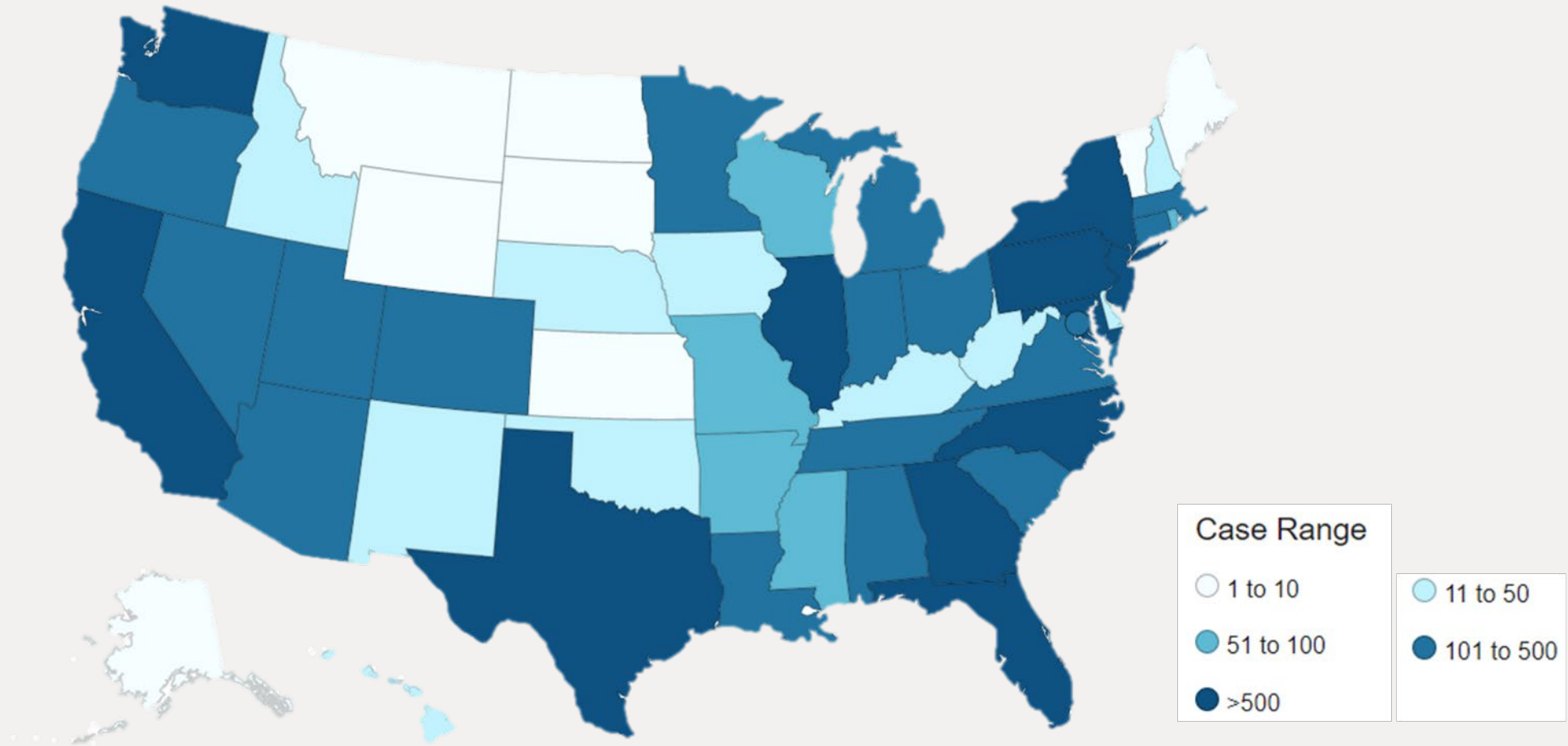


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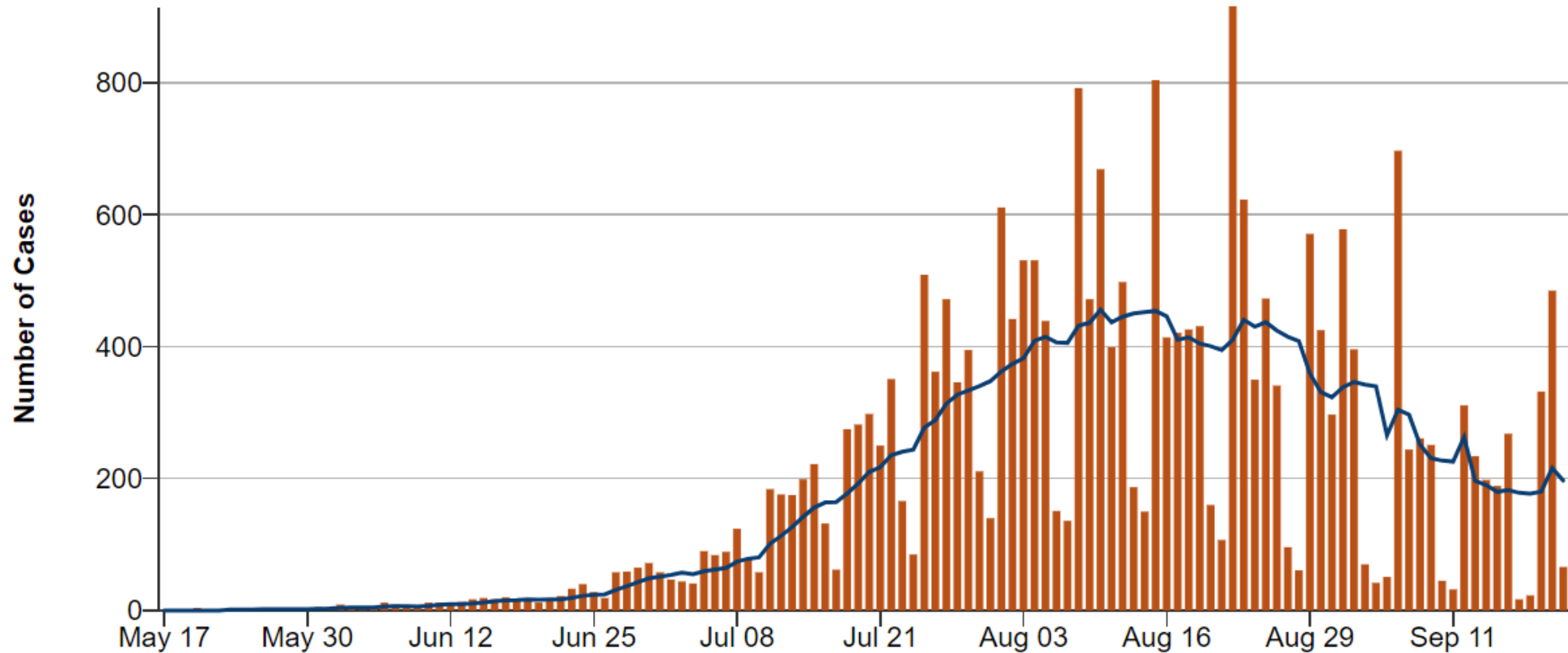
Monkeypox (MPX) Update



MPX: 24,572 cases across the US



Daily Monkeypox Cases and 7-Day Daily Average



Preventing MPX in specific settings

Community Settings

Updated August 24, 2022

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Schools and Childcare FAQs

At this time, the risk of monkeypox to children and adolescents in the United States is low. Find answers to frequently asked questions about monkeypox for schools, early care and education programs, and other settings serving children or adolescents.

[Schools & Child Care](#)



Congregate Living Settings

Considerations for reducing monkeypox transmission in congregate living settings.

[Congregate Settings](#)

[What Teens & Young Adults Should Know](#)



[Institutions of Higher Education](#)



[Safer Sex & Social Gatherings](#)



[Community Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)


Toolkit: MPX information for people experiencing homelessness

For People Experiencing Homelessness

- You can [protect yourself from](#) monkeypox by learning about how it [spreads](#) and how to [lower your risk](#) during sexual activity.
- Review the [signs and symptoms](#) of monkeypox and check yourself for [rashes or lesions](#).
- If you think you have monkeypox or might have been exposed, reach out to a medical provider to discuss [testing](#) or [vaccination](#).
- If you have monkeypox, [isolation](#) helps avoid spreading it to other people. An outreach worker, shelter staff member, or medical provider may be able to help you to find a place to stay until your infection resolves. You may also need help taking care of any companion animals while you are infected. Learn more about [monkeypox and pets](#).

For Organizations Serving People Experiencing Homelessness

Organizations can help prevent monkeypox transmission among people experiencing homelessness by providing support and resources to implement prevention strategies.

- Organizations can work with health departments to support access to monkeypox [testing](#) and [vaccination](#).
- Homeless service staff can avoid turning away people who have exposure to or symptoms of monkeypox by having clear processes in place, including following [considerations for congregate settings](#).
- People experiencing homelessness with confirmed monkeypox often need accommodations for [isolation](#). People will be able to best maintain isolation if they have access to their own phone, meal delivery, physical and behavioral health services, substance use management and support, and homeless case management.
- Organizations can improve monkeypox [vaccine](#) coverage through vaccine and outreach events that are paired with other services (i.e., food assistance, mobile health clinics, legal services) at multiple time points and locations where people experiencing homelessness spend time.
- Homeless service staff, outreach staff, medical providers, and [peer ambassadors](#)  can serve as trusted communicators for people experiencing homelessness. Ensure that communications [reduce stigma](#) associated with monkeypox and provide facts about [vaccination](#).
- In the course of their usual work, homeless service providers and outreach workers are not considered to be at high risk for monkeypox exposure. If staff members are concerned about a possible exposure, they can review information on [monitoring and risk assessment](#).



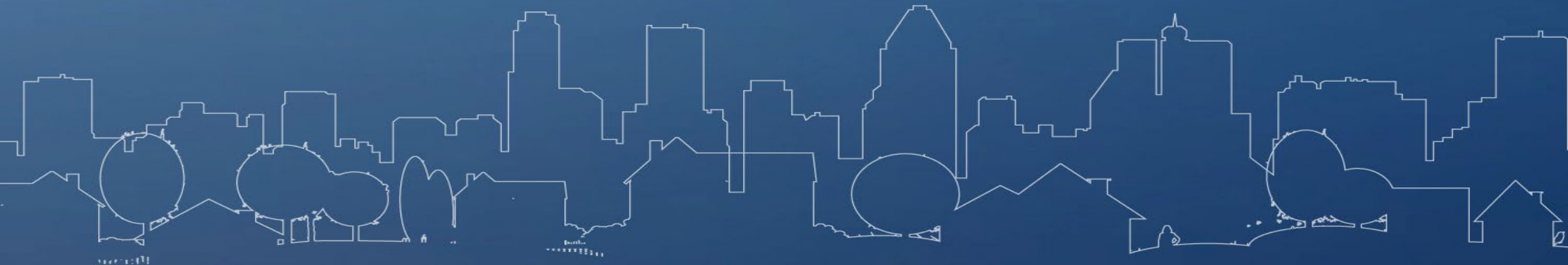
For more information, contact CDC

1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)

TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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ESG-CV IDIS UPDATE



As of September 23, 2022...

- 6 recipients are 100% drawn

| Drawn by Percentages in IDIS (As of 9/23/2022) | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| | Number of Grantees | Percentage of Grantees |
| Over 80% Drawn | 98 | 27.15% |
| 60% - 80% Drawn | 152 | 42.11% |
| 50% - 60% Drawn | 77 | 21.33% |
| 40% - 50% Drawn | 19 | 5.26% |
| 20% - 40% Drawn | 11 | 3.05% |
| 0% - 20% Drawn | 4 | 1.11% |
| | | |
| Total | 361 | 100.00% |

ESG-CV IDIS Reminders

- Grant Reductions have occurred in IDIS
 - Confirm Activity Funding Amounts
- Draw Quarterly from IDIS
 - 49 recipients have not drawn in 90+ days
- Draw from the correct grant in IDIS
 - All CARES grants have an “W” in the Source Type

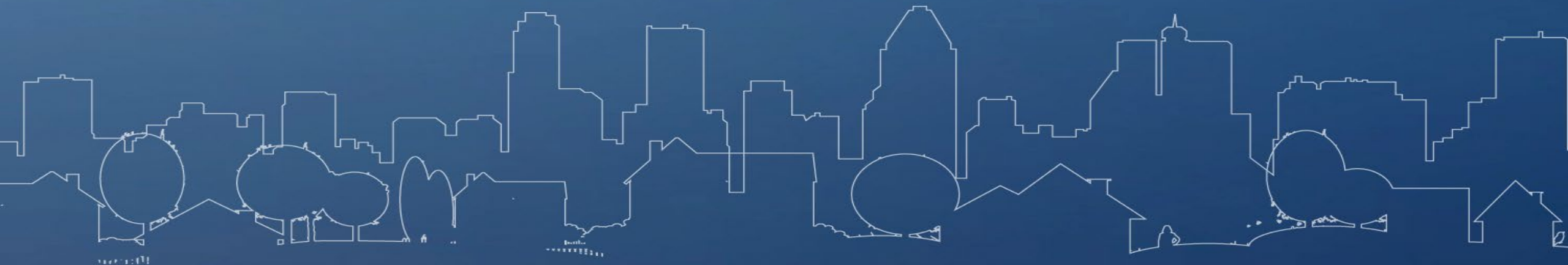
ESG-CV IDIS Reminders

- Activity Description Narrative
 - Must identify how activity prevents, prepares for, and responds to coronavirus
- [Tieback Flexibilities Quick Guide](#)

Available IDIS Resources

- [ESG-CV Funds Reallocation Overview Webinar](#) (published August 2022)
- [IDIS Fact Sheet for ESG-CV Grant Reductions and Grant Reallocation of Funds](#)
- [IDIS Manual for ESG](#) (Section 7: Drawing ESG Funds, starting on page 40)
- [IDIS Setup and Draw Webinar](#) (for ESG -CV Grants)

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Winter Planning, Infection Control, and Isolation Considerations



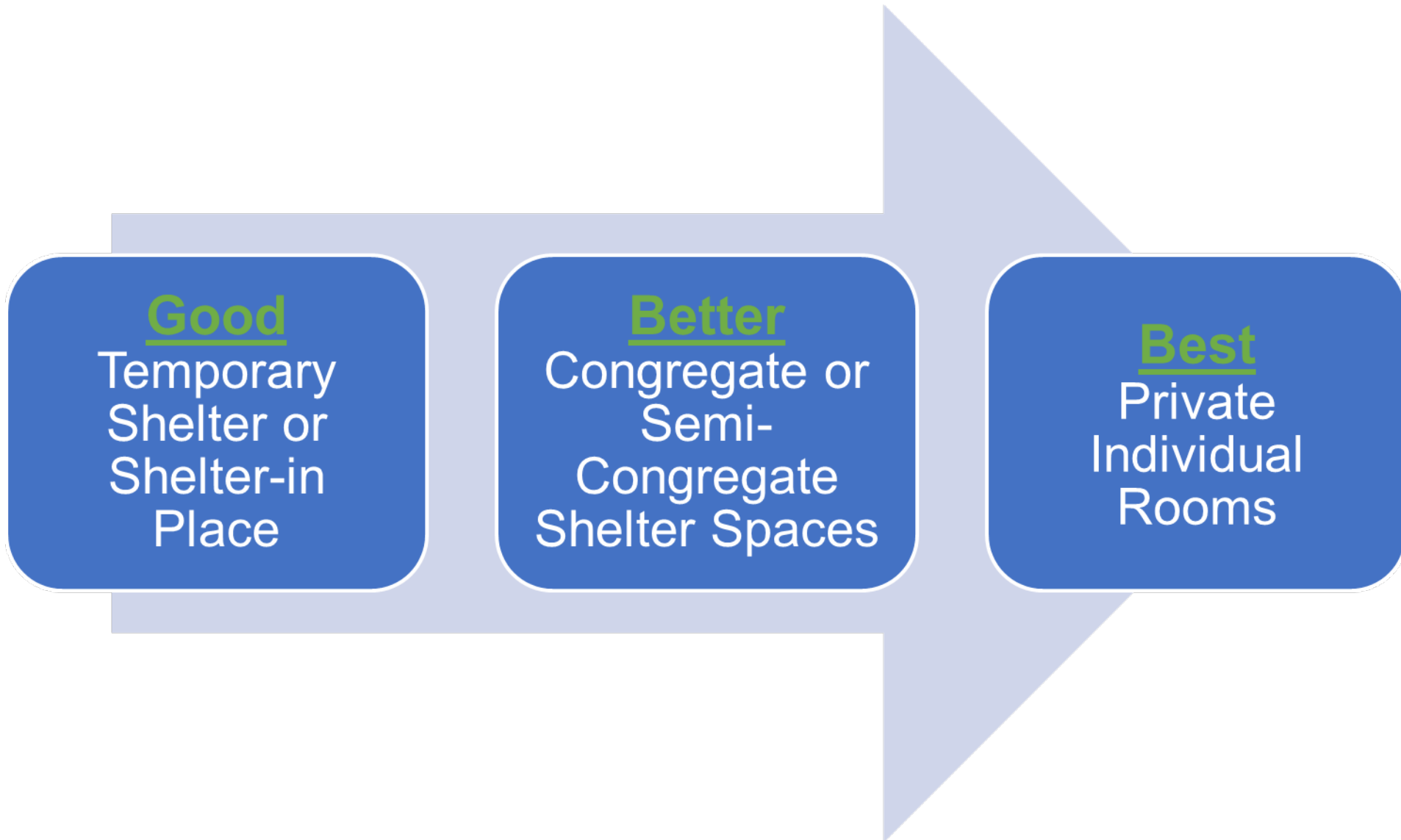


Situational Awareness

- ESG-CV funds in many communities have been allocated or spent
- Reduced capacity at shelters and congregate facilities
- Hotels are back in business
- Pandemic overload



Isolation Considerations – Alternative Physical Approaches





Isolation Considerations – Staffing

- Ensuring the team stays healthy is just as important as keeping residents safe and healthy.
 - Encourage vaccinations and boosters (don't forget the flu!)
 - Encourage masking at all times
- If [isolating residents onsite](#), assign team members to that area and provide full PPE; minimize interactions between these team members and individuals not in isolation.
- Activate your [contingency plan](#) in case of multiple absences
- Provide hazard pay or other bonuses to show your appreciation for the team! Offer days off and encourage the team to rest and practice self-care!





Spread the Word: Vaccine Outreach and Messaging

Use HUD's vaccine toolkit to hone your messaging skills!

Bring vaccines to residents and team members – make access as easy as possible!





Monkeypox (MPX) resources

- [Working with Local Partners to Prevent and Respond to MPX](#)
- [Preparedness Considerations for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Commonly Asked Questions About MPX](#)
- [Alternative Approaches to Isolation and Quarantine](#)
- [Fillable Flyer for Outreach](#)
- Flyers:
 - [MPX Info You Should Know](#)
 - [Protecting Yourself and Others from MPX](#)
 - [What to do if there is a MPX case in the shelter](#)





Resources

Winter Planning Guide Overview:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Meeting-Winter-Shelter-Needs-and-Mitigating-Health-Risks.pdf>

Winter Response Activation and Communications Planning Guide and Template:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Winter-Response-Activation-and-Communications-Planning-Guide-and-Template.docx> (English Version)

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Winter-Response-Activation-and-Communications-Planning-Guide-and-Template-Spanish-Version.pdf> (Spanish Version)

HUD COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Winter Planning Resources:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6193/covid19-homeless-system-response-winter-planning-resources/>



Thank you!

New Resources Posted

- [MPX Preparedness Considerations for Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Commonly Asked Questions About MPX](#)
- [Working with Local Partners to Prevent and Respond to MPX Transmission](#)
- [MPX Info You Should Know Flyer](#)
- [Protecting Yourself and Others from MPX Flyer](#)
- [What To Do if There Is a MPX Case in the Shelter Flyer](#)
- [Fillable Flyer for Outreach – What You Need to Know About MPX](#)
- [Eviction Prevention for CoCs](#)
- [Addressing Your Concerns About the COVID-19 Booster Shot](#) (Updated)
- [Information about Vaccinating Your Child](#) (Updated)

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

