COVID-19

The Local Housing Solutions team has put together a running list of homelessness outreach efforts, eviction moratoriums, and other housing-related advice that localities across the country have utilized to keep their communities safe during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

In addition, this downloadable document provides a brief overview of these strategies and best practices.

If you have any additional resources or materials to add to this page, please contact us at contact@localhousingsolutions.org.

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General Resources and Announcements

Preparation and General Information

COVID-19 Resources (National Health Care for the Homeless Council)
Coronavirus Resources (National Housing Conference)
COVID-19 Housing Resources (Joint Center for Housing Studies, March 23, 2020)
COVID-19 Resources & Policy Updates (National Community Stabilization Trust, March 23, 2020)
Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness (National Low Income Housing Coalition)
Coronavirus: Resources and Updates (UHAB)
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Resource Center (Ballard Spahr)
Guidance for Dealing with the Coronavirus (National Apartment Association, March 18, 2020)
Using PolicyMap to Identify Populations Vulnerable to COVID-19 (PolicyMap, March 15, 2020)

Upcoming Webinars

Town Hall: COVID-19 + A Homes Guarantee (People’s Action, March 26, 2020 7:00pm – 8:00pm)
Affordable Housing Coronavirus Response (Citizens’ Housing and Planning Action, March 27, 2020 2:30pm – 3:30pm)
Weekly National Calls on COVID-19 and Housing/Homelessness, every Monday (NLIHC)
Weekly COVID-19 Town Halls, every Friday (NHCHC)

New York City/State News and Announcements

The NYC Department of City Planning announced that they are suspending New York
City’s land use decision making processes.
NYCHA announced that their property management offices will continue to assist residents only via telephone, email, and through scheduled appointments to speak to staff from behind the reception desk.
HPD announced changes for Section 8 tenants, including closing the customer service office, automatically extending vouchers that are set to expire, suspending terminations that are in process, postponing tenant conferences and briefings, canceling hearings for appeal and suspending non-emergency Housing Quality Standard inspections. HPD said they will continue to pay subsidies until final determinations are made.

For Homelessness Service Providers

General Information
The Corporation for Supportive Housing launched a forum for supportive housing providers. [Note: You will need to create a free account to log into the site.] (CSH, March 19, 2020)
Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Homeless Shelters (NYC Health)
Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Guidance for Congregate Settings (NYC Health)
Coronavirus and Homelessness (National Alliance to End Homelessness, March 5, 2020)

Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs (HUD Exchange, March 9, 2020)
Coronavirus Disease: What Supportive Housing Providers Need to Know (CSH, March 11, 2020)

Resources to support people experiencing homelessness (CDC, March 2020)
Estimated Emergency and Observational/Quarantine Bed Need for the US Homeless Population Related to COVID-19 Exposure by County; Projected Hospitalizations, Intensive Care Units and Mortality (National Alliance to End Homelessness, March 20, 2020)

Essential Services for Encampments During an Infectious Disease Outbreak (HUD Exchange, March 23, 2020)
Shelter Management During an Infectious Disease Outbreak (HUD Exchange, March 23, 2020)
How to screen clients upon entry to shelter or opportunity centers (HUD Exchange, March 23, 2020)

Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs (HUD Exchange, March 2020)
Specific Considerations for Public Health Authorities to Limit Infection Risk Among
People Experiencing Homelessness (HUD Exchange, March 9, 2020)
Eligible ESG Program Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness (HUD Exchange, March 5, 2020)
Using Continuum of Care Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response (HUD Exchange, March 13, 2020)
Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuums of Care: Preventing & Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease for People Experiencing Homelessness (HUD, March 2020)
Infectious Disease Toolkit for Continuums of Care: Preventing & Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease Within Shelters (HUD, March 2020)
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Assessment Tool for Homeless Shelters (County of Los Angeles Public Health)

Local News and Resources
This is how Washington’s stay-at-home order addresses people experiencing homelessness (The Seattle Times, March 24, 2020)
As California shelters at home from coronavirus, construction of housing goes on (Los Angeles Times, March 21, 2020)
COVID-19 Client Triage Tool: Atlanta, GA CoC Example (HUD Exchange, March 2020)
Coronavirus: Oakland hotels to shelter homeless people (The Mercury News, March 16, 2020)
San Jose, California, is suspending its homeless camp eradication sweeps on the belief that forcing homeless people to move could heighten exposure to the virus (The Mercury News, March 12, 2020)
San Francisco plans to lease motor homes that could be parked in the city’s scenic Presidio park surrounding the Golden Gate Bridge as housing for the homeless under quarantine. (City and County of San Francisco, March 10, 2020)
COVID-19 Preparedness Planning Seattle/King County (Seattle and King County Public Health, March 6, 2020)
COVID-19 Guidance for Los Angeles County Homeless Services Community (LAHSA, March 20, 2020)
Acton Steps to Support Homeless Individuals, Seattle/King County (King County, March 9, 2020)
King County Response to COVID-19, Powerpoint Presentation, Seattle/King County (March 10, 2020)

For Nursing Homes/Senior Caregivers
General Information
Leading Age: Coronavirus Daily Member Update: LIVE ONLINE (Leading Age, March 24, 2020)
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources and Articles for Family Caregivers (Family Caregiver Alliance, March 24, 2020)
Coronavirus Resources (Leading Age, March 25, 2020)
LeadingAge Need to Know: Coronavirus – 3.24.20 (Leading Age, March 24, 2020)

Guides and Resources
Coronavirus Crisis: Nursing Home Visitation Guidelines as of 3/12/20 (California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR), March 12, 2020)
Coronavirus Crisis: Visitation Guidelines for Residential Care, Assisted Living, and Board and Care Facilities for the Elderly as of March 13, 2020 (California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR), March 13, 2020)
COVID-19 Guidance for Supportive Housing Providers (CSH, March 20, 2020)
Resources for Adult Day, PACE, and Senior Centers (Leading Age, March 2020)
Resources for Assisted Living (Leading Age, March 2020)
Coronavirus Information for Nursing Homes (Leading Age, March 2020)
Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living (CDC, March 2020)
Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance) (CDC, March 2020)

For Renters/Homeowners
Preparation and General Information
Get Your Home Ready (CDC)