

# YHDP Communities & COVID-19 Call

March 25, 2020

3:00–4:30pm ET

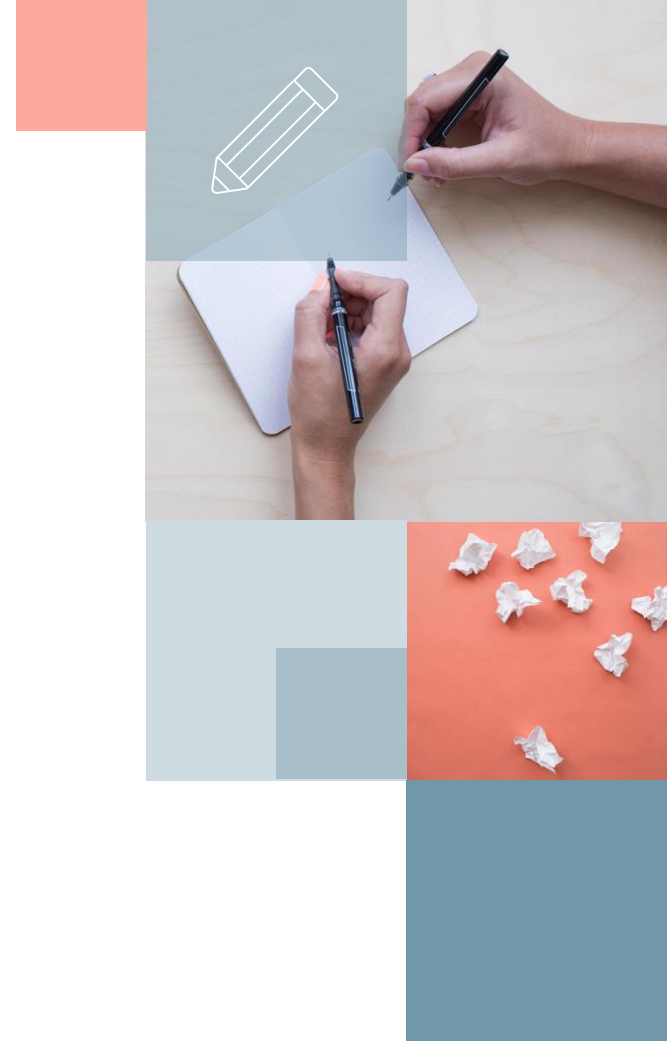
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Hello! Who is on the call today?



# Agenda

- Welcome
- HUD Updates
- COVID-19 Discussion
  - Public Health Support
  - YAB Support & Youth Collaboration
  - Shelters
  - Youth Outreach & System Navigation
  - Other Challenges & Needs
- Next Steps & Resources







# HUD Updates

## SNAPS Staff

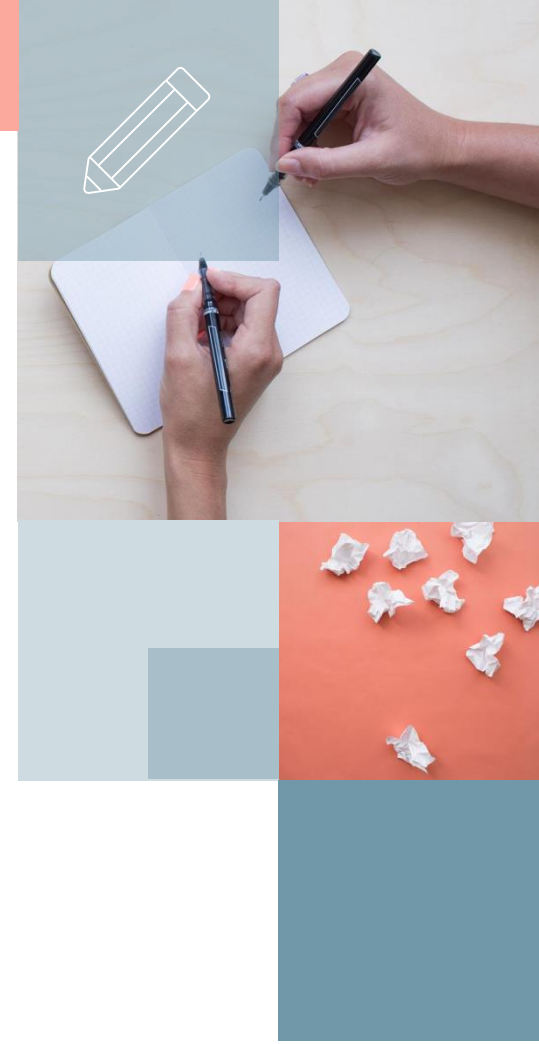
# HUD flexibilities for COVID-19 response

## ■ Round 1:

- Round 1 communities can ask to extend grants
  - Communities requesting this should be mindful of renewal implications when requesting (e.g., avoid January 1 start dates)

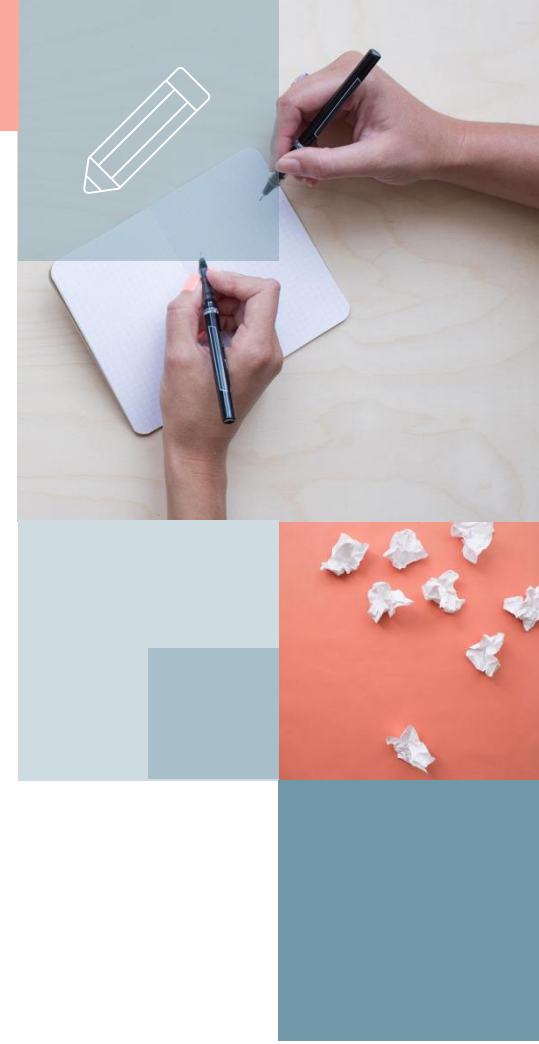
## ■ Round 3:

- Coordinated Community Plan due date relief
  - CCPs must be approved before grant agreements can be signed
- Digital signatures are acceptable on plans



# Other flexibilities

- Requested extension of the obligation deadline for Round 3 projects
  - Included in Senate bill to extend obligation deadline to September 30, 2021
- Clarification that Supportive Services funds can be used for any eligible activity under 24 CFR 578.53
- What other flexibilities are needed?



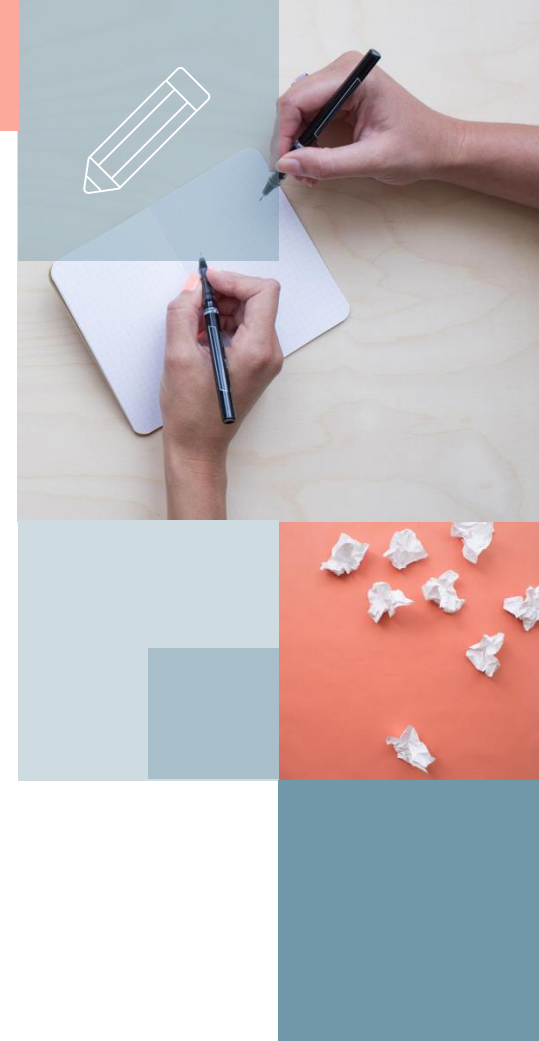


# COVID-19 Discussion

# Check-In

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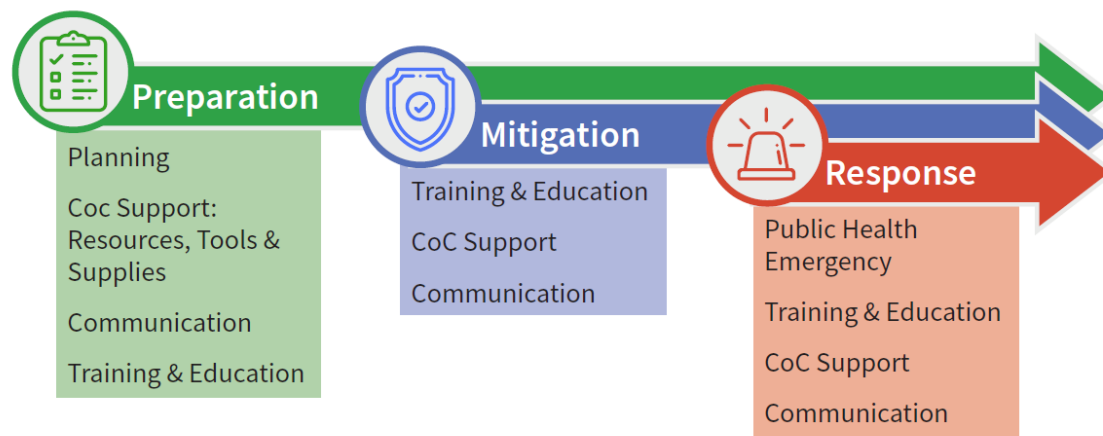
- **CoC**
- **Your role in / relation to your CoC's COVID-19 response**
- **Your CoC's COVID-19 response status:**
  - ☐ **Preparation** (no suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases)
  - ☐ **Mitigation** (suspected cases or some confirmed cases)
  - ☐ **Crisis Response** (many confirmed cases)





# Public Health Contacts

- **POLL:** Is your Public Health Department engaging/advising you on your COVID-19 response efforts?
  - If not, do you need help finding a point of contact? **Tell us in the chat, and list your CoC.**

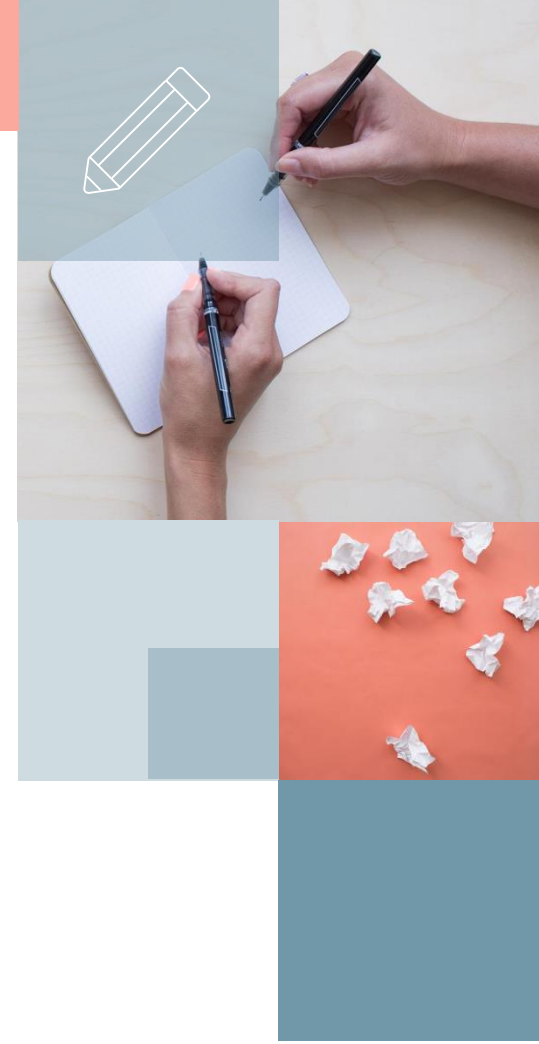


Resource: [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease for People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (graphics from pp. 2-3)

	Public Outreach Presence <b>Preparation</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>	Public Health Emergency Declared <b>Response</b>
Planning	CoC creates infectious disease response plan, defines roles of partners and stakeholders in the plan, and assesses weak spots and vulnerabilities.	Plans move from CoC preparation plans to public health (PH) response plans, as determined by PH officials. Strategies may include developing isolation procedures, developing screening protocols, and incorporating heightened sanitation measures.	PH response and communication plans are put into action as directed by public health officials.
Communication	Develop communication plan to ensure all stakeholders receive timely and appropriate information to prevent and respond to an outbreak. Use critical incident report template (examples on page 16).	PH officials communicate directly with providers about mitigation efforts such as vaccination, sanitation, and reporting. CoCs can play a role in reinforcing key PH messaging among providers.	PH leads outbreak response communication and directs CoC on how and what to communicate to its providers. CoC communicates with providers to ensure they implement PH directions appropriately.
CoC Support	Assist homeless service providers to assess gaps in ability to respond and ensure they receive the resources and supplies needed.	CoC leadership provides support to PH officials by facilitating communication of providers' needs to public health officials.	CoC relays needs of providers to PH and assists, as directed by PH, in connecting providers with needed resources.
Training & Education	Provide training to CoC providers on roles and responsibilities to prevent and respond to infectious disease outbreak.	CoC leadership ensures that mitigation practices recommended by PH partners are effectively implemented across the CoC.  PH officials will be more directly involved with the dissemination of information and resources.	Geared towards direct and immediate implementation.  Adjustments put into place to reflect disease-specific protocol.

# YAB Support & Youth Collaboration

- What challenges are you facing or anticipating to support young people in YABs, in projects, and in need of services during COVID-19? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**
- What strategies are you using to continue collaborating with youth and young adults (including YABs)?

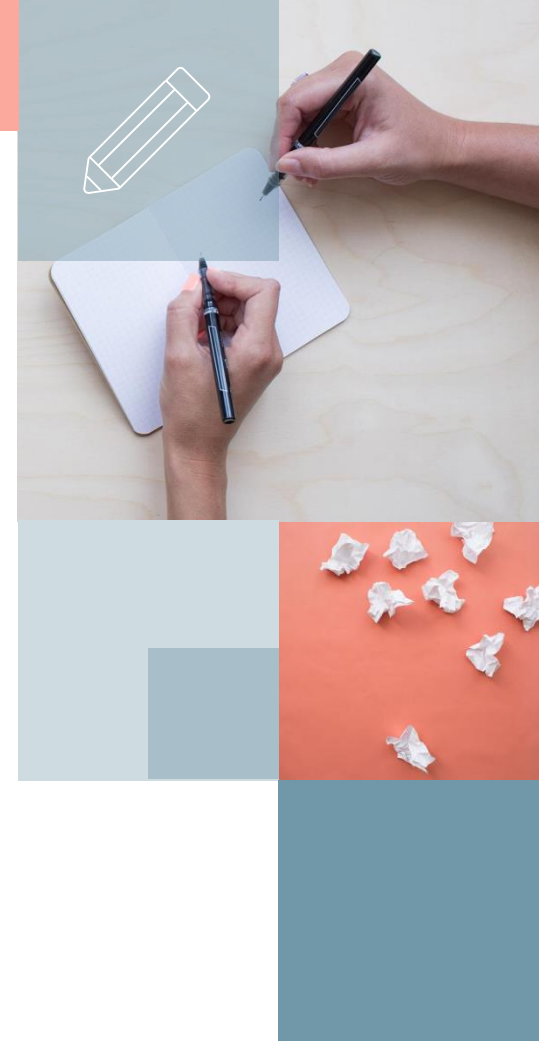


# Shelters

## ■ **POLLS:**

- ☐ Do you know what to do (or how to advise frontline staff) if someone is exhibiting signs of COVID-19 in your shelters?
- ☐ Have there been any positive COVID-19 cases in any of your CoC's shelters?
- What processes do you have in place (or are you developing) to mitigate risk of a COVID-19 outbreak in places where youth and young adults seek services while in crisis? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**

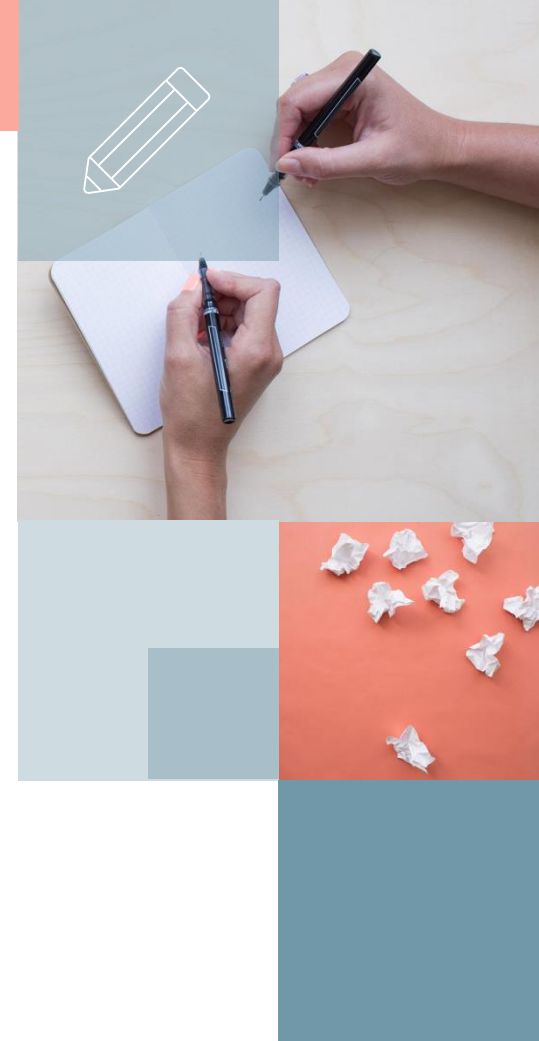
- **Resource:** [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Shelters](#)



# Youth Outreach & System Navigation

- How are you communicating with and conducting outreach to young people in need of services? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**
- How has COVID-19 impacted your coordinated entry process (access, assessment, prioritization, referral/placement)? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**
- What methods are you using to continue providing services to clients (including housed clients) while observing social distance? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**

- Resource: [COVID-19 Client Triage Tool: Atlanta, GA CoC Example](#)
- Resource: [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Encampments](#)

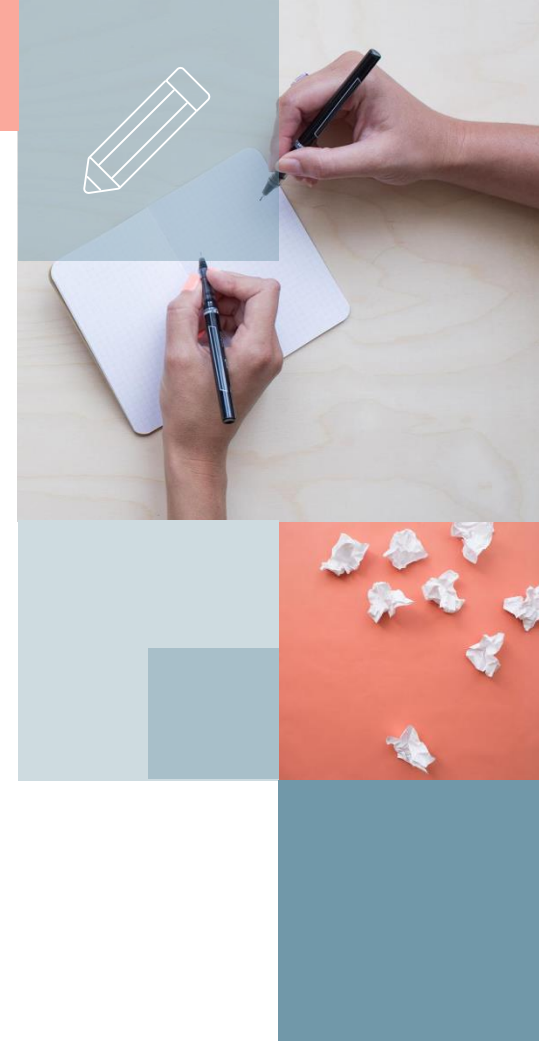




# What else are you navigating now?

- What COVID-19 challenges are you facing and what unmet needs does your CoC have (YHDP-specific or in general)? **Tell us in the chat, or unmute yourself to discuss.**

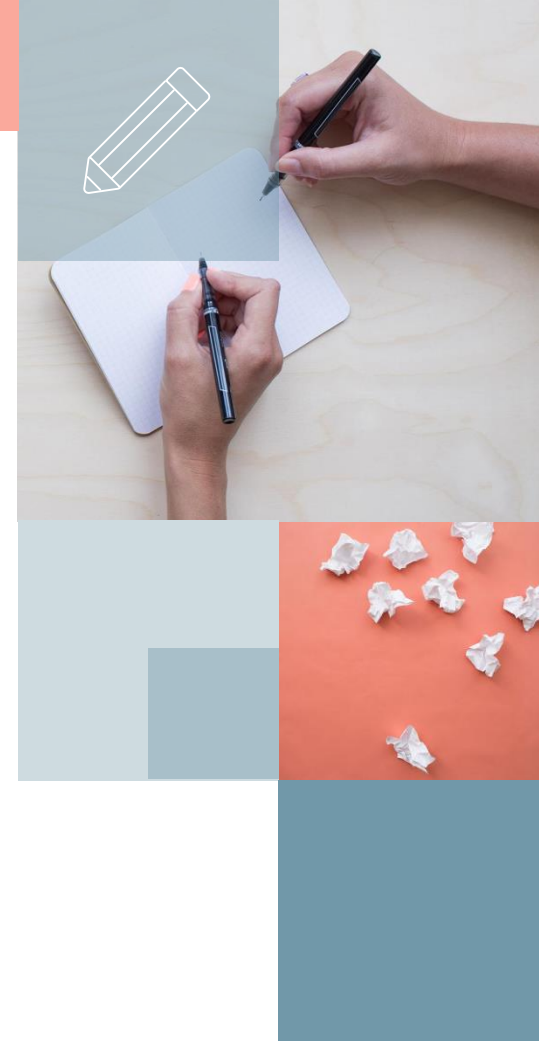
- Resource: [Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response](#) (*HUD - March 13, 2020*)



# Next Steps

## ■ **POLLS:**

- ☐ Do you have any specific **YHDP** TA needs around COVID-19?
- ☐ Do you have any **general** TA needs around COVID-19?
- ☐ **R3 communities:** Do you want to still hold our Community Call on April 1 as planned?



# HUD COVID-19 Resources

**HUD Exchange Landing Page:** [COVID-19 Community Planning and Preparedness](#). \*updated daily\*

- Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs:
  - [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
  - [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Shelters](#)
  - [COVID-19: Shelter Management During an Infectious Disease Outbreak](#) (March 23, 2020)
  - [Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Encampments](#)
  - [COVID-19: Essential Services for Encampments During an Infectious Disease Outbreak](#) (March 23, 2020)
- Grant Funds and Eligible Costs:
  - [Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response](#)
  - [Eligible ESG Costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#)
- Limiting the Spread of Infectious Disease:
  - [Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs](#)
  - [Specific Considerations for Public Health Authorities to Limit Infection Risk Among People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- Webinar Materials:
  - [Weekly HUD COVID-19 Office Hours Recordings](#) (March 13 and March 20, 2020; recurring weekly moving forward)
  - [Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners](#) (March 10, 2020)

# CDC & Other COVID-19 Resources

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Landing Page:**

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

## **CDC Resources:**

- [Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Interim Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for US Community Facilities with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

**National Healthcare for the Homeless Council (HCH):** [Coronavirus Resources](#)

**National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV):** [COVID-19 Resources](#)