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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts Infectious Disease Guidance for Homeless Assistance Providers

Yesterday on [HUD Exchange](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [announced](#) that it has posted the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) guidance and technical assistance materials to the [HUD Exchange Disease Risks and Homelessness Page](#):

- [CDC: Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [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](#)
- [Eligible ESG costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness](#)
- [CDC: Interim Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for US Community Facilities with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

As the announcement states, families and individuals experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable to infectious diseases due to the lack of access to primary care, mobility, and poor health status form extended episodes of homelessness. HUD is strongly encouraging Continuums of Care ([CoCs](#)) to contact local public health departments, Healthcare for the Homeless agencies, and other local health partners to ensure needs are met and to take steps now to develop preparedness and response plans to protect against infection.

HUD is also available to provide technical assistance to homeless assistance providers in need to support in preventing or responding to the spread of infectious disease. Questions may be submitted to the Ask a Question ([AAQ](#)) Portal. Further details on how to do so can be found in the [announcement](#).

HUD Archives ConnectHome Webcast for Viewing on Demand

Today on the [HUD Exchange channel](#) at [YouTube](#), HUD archived a webcast as part of its series of training webinars on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. As you know, the webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation. The [42-minute webcast](#) posted today discusses tips from the FCC on handling robocalls and internet scams. You can find materials and resources relating to the webcast on [this page](#) at [HUD Exchange](#).



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