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HUD posted the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and Technical Assistance (TA) materials on the <u>HUD Exchange Disease Risks and</u> <u>Homelessness Page</u>:

- <u>CDC: Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to</u> <u>Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</u>
- Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs
- <u>Specific Considerations for Public Health Authorities to Limit Infection Risk</u> <u>Among People Experiencing Homelessness</u>
- Eligible ESG costs for Infectious Disease Preparedness

Families and individuals experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable to infectious diseases due to lack of access to primary care, mobility, and poor health status from extended episodes of homelessness. HUD strongly encourages Continuums of Care (CoCs) to contact local public health departments, Healthcare for the Homeless agencies, and other local health partners to ensure the unique needs and opportunities related to the homeless service system are incorporated. CoCs can take steps now to develop preparedness and response plans to protect against infection.

Additional Resources

 <u>CDC: Interim Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for</u> US Community Facilities with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019

(COVID-19)

 HUD is also available to provide TA to our homeless assistance providers who need support in preventing or responding to the spread of infectious disease. Please submit your questions to the <u>Ask A Question (AAQ) portal</u>. In Step 2 of the question submission process, select "CoC: Continuum of Care Program" from the "My question is related to" drop down list and write "Health Preparedness and Response" in the subject line.

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