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Purpose of CoC Membership Meetings

- HUD Requirement
- Opportunity to provide updates outside of stand-alone webinar



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COVID-19 General Updates

- COHHIO BoS COVID-19 Resource Page:
 - <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/covid19/>
 - COVID-19 Preparedness for Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Assistance Providers Webinar & FAQ
 - Coronavirus Screening Tool
 - Congregate Facilities Preparedness Checklist
 - ODH Checklist for Homeless Shelters
 - Guidance for People Who Use Substances



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COVID-19 General Updates

- National COVID-19 Resource Links:
 - CDC Guidance for Homeless Service Providers:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html>
 - USICH Coronavirus Resources:
 - <https://www.usich.gov/covid-19>
 - HUD COVID-19 Community Planning and Preparedness
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-community-planning-and-preparedness>
 - NAEH Coronavirus and Homelessness Resources:
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/coronavirus-and-homelessness/>



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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Definitions
 - Quarantine
 - For people or groups who don't have symptoms but were exposed
 - Quarantine keeps these people away from others so they don't unknowingly infect others
 - Isolation
 - For those who are already sick, but do not require hospitalization
 - Isolation keeps infected people away from healthy people to prevent spreading

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- I/Q Needs
 - Units should be OFFSITE of congregate facilities
 - Staffing
 - Supplies
 - Operating Procedures
 - Support Services
 - Funding Sources

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Staffing
 - 24/7 staff presence
 - mix of hotel staff and provider staff
 - Designate onsite service provider
 - Train staff on all COVID-19 protocols
 - Medical personnel should advise on protocols

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Equipment and Supplies
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - Informational/educational materials for staff, volunteers, and client awareness about COVID-19, cough etiquette, and appropriate handwashing
 - Personal cleaning supplies for each room
 - Tissues, plastic bags for the proper disposal of used tissues
 - Weekly cleaning and disinfecting of rooms plus at turnover
 - Laundry services for client's personal laundry and bedding

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Facility Operations
 - Provide individual meals with disposable utensils (knock/drop off)
 - If refrigerators provided in rooms, can provide food for meal prep
 - Designated smoking areas and enforce social distancing
 - No visitors onsite
 - Provide for safe needle disposal
 - Processes for notifying of new room vacancies, accepting referrals, and orienting new clients to facility, protocols, and services

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Support Services
 - Monitor all clients at least daily and proactively support clients to support social distancing
 - Facilitate access to telehealth (medical and behavioral health)
 - Develop protocols for people who may be experiencing mental health crises or complications related to substance use disorders, including symptoms and complications of withdrawal

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Support Services
 - Arrange for and assist with refilling prescriptions, including how to support individuals who need access to daily medications such as methadone/suboxone/vivitrol
 - Provide dedicated case management (onsite or offsite) to ensure human services and healthcare needs are met as well as plan for exit from the hotel/motel setting to stable housing or return to congregate shelter
 - Track services in HMIS
 - Treat like emergency shelter overflow

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Additional Considerations
 - Transportation
 - How will people be transported to I/Q units?
 - Is there a medical transportation option?
 - Will only those testing positive for COVID-19 qualify for medical transport?
 - Local public health department should have ability and resources to provide this
 - If you have challenges coordinating with local public health, let CoC team know

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Isolation and Quarantine Planning

- Funding Sources
 - State funding
 - HCRP shelter grant funding
 - OHFA COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program
 - Federal funding
 - FEMA
 - ESG
 - Private funding
 - local foundations
 - local governments
 - Churches
 - COHHIO Pandemic Fund – www.cohhio.org

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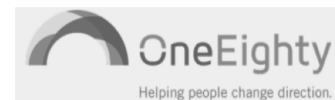
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One-Eighty Isolation/Quarantine Response



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Northwest Ohio CAC Isolation/Quarantine Response



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HUD Waiver Availability

- April 1, 2020 - HUD issued memorandum providing regulatory waivers of certain CoC, ESG, HOPWA, and Consolidated Plan requirements
- Recipients wishing to utilize any of the waivers should notify their local CPD Field Office via email of their intent to utilize a specific waiver
- This notification should occur **two days** before a recipient anticipates using the waiver
- If you are unsure of who to contact, please reference this link for CPD Field Office email addresses:
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/hud-issues-availability-of-regulatory-waivers-for-coc-esg-and-hopwa-programs-to-help-prevent-the-spread-of-covid-19-and-mitigate-economic-impacts/>

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HUD Waiver Availability

- Who Applies for Waiver
 - Grant recipients apply for CoC Program waivers
 - ODSA applies for ESG Program waivers for HCRP projects

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HUD Waiver Availability

CoC Program Requirement	Typical Requirement	Waiver
1. FMR for Individual Units and Leasing Cost	Rent may not exceed FMR	Rent can exceed FMR, but still must be rent reasonable
2. Disability Documentation for PSH	Intake worker observation must be accompanied with confirmed evidence within 45 days	Written self-certification from client is acceptable for next 6 months
3. Limit on Eligible Housing Search & Counseling Services	Payment of rental or utility arrears is not included as eligible cost	Allows recipients and sub-recipients to pay for up to 6 months of rental and utility arrears
4. PH RRH Monthly Case Management	Must require program participants to meet with case managers at least monthly	Monthly case management is waived for the next two months

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HUD Waiver Availability

CoC Program Requirement	Typical Requirement	Waiver
5. HQS – Initial Physical Unit Inspection	A physical unit inspection is required to assure unit meets HQS	Physical inspection does not have to take place as long as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the unit is visually inspected using technology, and -there is a written policy to physically inspect the unit within 3 months after health officials determine special measures are no longer necessary
6. HQS – Re-Inspection of Units	Units must be inspected at least annually to ensure they meet HQS	Annual re-inspections are waived for 1 year
7. One-Year Lease Requirement	PSH tenant leases must be for a term of at least one year that is renewable and terminable for cause	One-year requirement is waived for 6 months, so long as the initial lease term is for more than one month

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HUD Waiver Availability

Consolidated Plan Requirement	Typical Requirement	Waiver
8. Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Amendment	30-day Public Comment Period	30-day comment period is waived, provided no less than 5 days are provided
9. Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment	Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment	Grantees determine what constitutes reasonable notice and opportunity to comment given their circumstances

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HUD Waiver Availability

Emergency Solutions Grants Program Requirements	Typical Requirement	Waiver
10. HMIS Lead Activities	ESG funds may be used to pay costs of managing and operating HMIS, provided the recipient is the HMIS Lead	The recipient does not have to be the HMIS Lead
11. Re-evaluation for Homelessness Prevention Assistance	Re-evaluation of each participant's eligibility must occur every 3 months	Re-evaluation can occur once every 6 months
12. Housing Stability Case Management	Participants must meet with case manager not less than once per month	Monthly case management is not required for next two months
13. Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR	Rent needs to be at or below FMR	FMR restriction is waived, so long as unit still meets rent reasonableness

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Attachment #1 to Memorandum
Procedures for Using Available Waivers of Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts Caused by COVID-19

This attachment provides further information on the process that grantees must follow to use the waiver flexibility provided in the memorandum.

Grantees must email or email notification to the Community Planning and Development Director of the HUD Field Office serving the grantee.

The email or email notification must be sent [prior to](#) the grantee anticipates using waiver flexibility, and include the following details:

- Requester's name, title, and contact information;
- Declared disaster area(s) where the waivers will be used;
- Date on which the grantee anticipates first use of the waiver flexibility; and
- A list of the waiver flexibilities the grantee will use:
 1. CoC Program - Fair Market Rent for Individual Units and Limited Costs
 2. CoC Program - Disability Documentation for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 3. CoC Program - Limit on Eligible Housing Search and Counseling Services
 4. CoC Program - Permanent Housing Rapid Re-housing Monthly Case Management
 5. CoC Program - Housing Quality Standards (HQS) - Initial Physical Inspection of Unit
 6. CoC Program - HQS - Re-Inspection of Units
 7. CoC Program - One-Year Lease Requirement
 8. Consolidated Planning Requirements - HOME, CDBG, LIT, ESG, and HOPEWA Programs - Citizen Participation Public Comment Period for Consolidated Plan Agreement
 9. Consolidated Planning Requirements - HOME, CDBG, LIT, ESG, and HOPEWA Programs - Citizen Participation Reasonable Notice and Opportunity to Comment
 10. ESG Program - HMIS Lead Activities
 11. ESG Program - Re-evaluations for Homelessness Prevention Assistance
 12. ESG Program - Housing Stability Case Management
 13. ESG Program - Restriction of Rental Assistance to Units with Rent at or Below FMR
 14. HOPEWA Program - Self-Certification of Income and Credit Information on 187 Forms
 15. HOPEWA Program - FMR Rent Standard
 16. HOPEWA Program - Property Standards for TBHA
 17. HOPEWA Program - Space and Security

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Important Dates and Deadlines

Event	Updated Deadline
HIC and PIT Submission	June 30, 2020
CoC Competition	TBD – HUD is still finalizing Competition Opening and Closing Dates for 2020
2020 Census Efforts	April 29-May 1, 2020

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