

Good morning, all!

Please see the important message below from our Managing Director, Douglas Argue, regarding the retirement of the covid hotel/motel list. Please make sure any links to this list are scrubbed from your website/materials and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your consideration,

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On April 1, 2020 COHHIO, in partnership with the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association (OHLA), sent out to all the CoC Directors and the BOS Regional Leads a list of hotel and motel facilities across the state offering to temporarily house individuals and families in their own safe spaces versus the congregate settings of the shelters operated in Ohio. Of course, this was all in an effort to combat the COVID 19 virus that was rapidly spreading across our globe. Over 280 hotels/motels in Ohio stepped up to provide housing during the COVID Pandemic. Without their assistance and partnership, thousands of people your emergency homeless services support would have been at great risk and exposure to more than just COVID 19. COHHIO is forever grateful for OHLA, the hotels and motels, all of your agencies and the countless other partnerships that were forged in order to provide safe shelter and support for some of the most vulnerable citizens in our state.

Thank you!

Now, as we approach the end of 2022 and our world seems to be returning to some sense of normalcy as indicated by the availability of vaccines and people traveling at a normal rate again, COHHIO is moving forward with closing the current offerings from the variety of hotels/motels in our state. To that end, we are in agreement with OHLA on the following and are taking the following steps:

1. COHHIO removed the OHLA Hotel and Motel list that once existed on our website and will no longer support the use of this list for referring people for emergency housing.
2. We are requesting that anyone who has this list on their websites also remove it and scrub your sites so that it cannot be inadvertently accessed.
3. Please communicate to your partner agencies to cease providing the list of OHLA hotels/motels to those in need and that the list is obsolete and will not be honored by facilities listed on the document.

Of course, our vulnerable siblings will continue to experience homelessness and the need for safe, temporary shelter will continue to exist. To that end, if you have individual agreements with hotels or motels in your communities, those will continue depending on the contracts and

agreements you have made with those businesses. This email in no way should be taken to mean those agreements should end. We know some hotel/motel operators will want to continue some kind of partnership and we are pleased to see those continue.

Thank you, again, for all you have done, do and will continue to do in the future to provide care and safety to those in our communities who find themselves in need. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us here at COHHIO for technical assistance or support. We are ready to answer questions and serve in any way we can.

Sincerely,
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