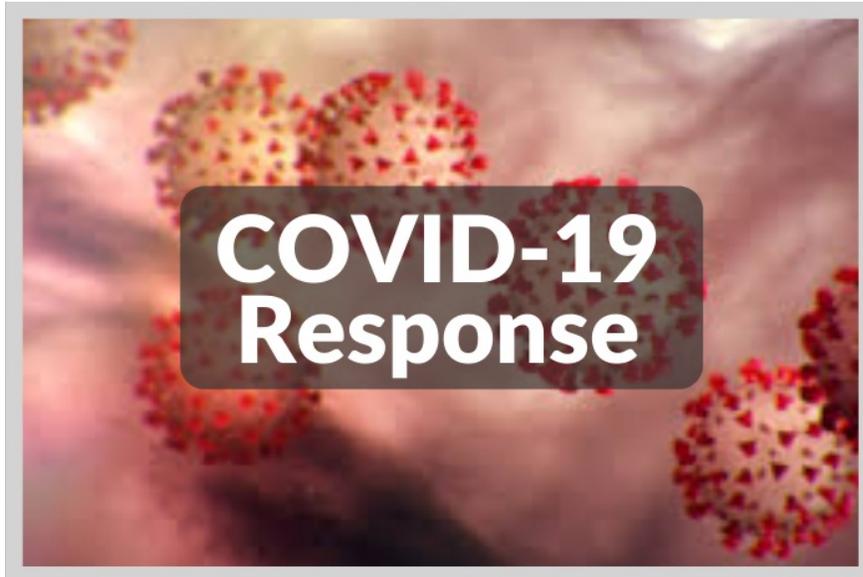




# NC COALITION <sup>to</sup><sub>end</sub> HOMELESSNESS



We're all working to support statewide efforts to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases to reduce the strain on vital healthcare resources.

The homeless service system is essential in achieving this goal. Our work is beginning to coalesce around three main strategies:

1. Move people out of the homeless service system into housing so they can follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines to reduce the spread
2. Meet CDC guidelines for homeless shelters to keep people healthy
3. Create temporary housing or shelter locations to:
  - provide quarantine and isolation options people who are symptomatic or who test positive for COVID-19
  - provide recovery or care options for patients experiencing homelessness to receive care for other health issues to preserve hospital beds

Many people experiencing homelessness are in poor health, have disabling conditions, or are aging with no place of their own to care for themselves – this makes them especially susceptible to the coronavirus that causes the COVID-19 disease.

Shelters and outreach teams across the state are facing unprecedented pressure to keep people safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 among this vulnerable population. In addition, many North Carolinians experiencing increased financial instability are now at risk of homelessness.

The first infusion of federal resources to support these activities is on its way to support these activities, with many communities leading the way with use of local and private funding.

As your community continues the efforts to flatten the curve, use the resources below

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## Bringing It Home Conference 2020 - Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 and on behalf of the North Carolina DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services, the Emergency Solutions Grant, the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness and the North Carolina Housing Coalition, we are announcing the cancellation of Bringing it Home, our annual conference on homelessness. Refunds will be provided to those who have already registered, and we will provide more information on that soon. Please contact Haley Solomon at [hsolomon@nchousing.org](mailto:hsolomon@nchousing.org) or 919-827-4492 with any questions. You can also [visit the conference's website](#) for more information.

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### CARES Act Stimulus Bill

Information is quickly being disseminated about the new CARES Act stimulus bill. [The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) released information on how much each state will be receiving from this bill. North Carolina will receive over \$4 Billion to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness provides insight into [what's in the bill for homelessness](#).

Connecticut's The Partnership for Strong Communities has the [most comprehensive yet straightforward summary of the stimulus bill and housing](#) that we've seen.

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### Statewide Stay at Home Order

While some communities have already taken steps to enact stay at home regulations to combat the spread of COVID-19, on Friday Governor Roy Cooper enacted a stay at home order for the state of North Carolina until April 29th. For more information about the order you can visit the [NC Department of Health and Human Services website](#).

Click Here for More Information

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### Join our Facebook Groups!



As COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, we recognize you need a space to communicate in real time with our staff and your peers.

NCCEH has created three Facebook groups for providers across the state to share resources, information, and best practices.

Group for Housing Programs

We hope that you will join us to share resources and ideas on our Shelter Group, Street Outreach Group, or Housing Programs Group now on Facebook.

Join Community Group Healthcare Masks for North Carolina

Additionally, there's a new community group connecting the sewing community with people who need face masks. Join the group and post your need so volunteers can connect you with homemade face masks. Because of the shortage of personal protective gear, the CDC has relaxed guidelines-- these masks follow those guidelines.



## Are you a shelter, transitional house, or day center? Please fill out this form.

In response to an executive order declaring a State of Emergency on Tuesday, March 10th, we created this form to assess the **preparedness and needs of shelters, transitional housing, and drop-in centers** pertaining to the anticipated spread of COVID-19.

Take the Shelter/Facility Survey

Please respond to the questions in this form with the best available information about your project.

We will be updating programs/facilities regularly as new information emerges as providers enter a state of prevention and preparedness in response to the COVID-19 virus.

We recognize that some of these measures seem extraordinary and are difficult for congregate living facilities. Our hope is that our efforts now will result in greater safety for all of us and the clients we serve.



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## Helpful Resources

There's a lot of information to keep up with. We are gathering it all in one place at [www.ncceh.org/covid-19](http://www.ncceh.org/covid-19).

If you have a helpful resource that isn't on the site, that you'd like to share, send it to [coronavirus@ncceh.org](mailto:coronavirus@ncceh.org).

View Resource Page

## HMIS@NCCEH and COVID-19

HUD released more detailed guidance for aligning COVID-19 data collection and data sharing with HMIS Privacy and Security Standards on March



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[Click Here for HUD  
Guidance on Data  
Collection](#)

27th. [This document](#) reviews eight scenarios when agencies may want to sharing information concerning clients and their needs related to COVID-19.

While some data may be shared in specific circumstances, "**The authority to disclose is not unlimited.**" Agencies and Systems must continue to be careful stewards of client information during the crisis.

[HUD continues to post updated HMIS information related to the COVID-19 Response here.](#)

As a reminder, programs should have a screening protocol in place for clients.

[Click here for an example of a client screening tool](#)

Once a client has been screened agencies should record minimal information for COVID-19 cases in HMIS@NCCEH to support client, staff, and community to take necessary precautions and to advocate for resources.

[Click here for more information about recording COVID-19 Response in HMIS@NCCEH](#)

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The mission of the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness is to end homelessness by creating alliances, encouraging public dialogue, securing resources, and advocating for systemic change. NCCEH works with communities to address root causes of homelessness by developing and implementing data-driven strategies that are focused on permanent housing and appropriate services.

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