



NAEH COVID-19 Webinar Series: COVID-19 and Data Collection Resources for Your Community

Key Takeaways

HUD Update

- CARES Act funding includes \$4 billion for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program
- Certain regulatory waivers are available for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and ESG Programs

ESG Program

- **Requirement:** the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 24 CFR 576.107(a)(2) authorizes the use of ESG funds for managing and operating the HMIS (e.g., hosting and maintaining HMIS software or data, upgrading, customizing, and enhancing the HMIS), only where the ESG recipient is the HMIS Lead, as designated by the CoC.
- **Waiver:** The condition that the recipient must be the HMIS Lead to pay costs under is waived to the extent necessary to allow any recipient to use ESG funds to pay costs of upgrading or enhancing its local HMIS to incorporate data on ESG Program participants and ESG activities related to COVID-19.
- **Potential HMIS Impact:** Additional enhancements or upgrades added by various recipients.

Data Sharing Considerations

- HMIS Security & Privacy Standards have primary provisions to support data disclosure
- If Public Health Agency does not seek or require participant PPI, then PPI should not be disclosed.
- If it is sufficient to give adequate notice to a Health Care Provider without disclosing PPI of one or more participants, then it would be appropriate not to disclose PPI.

Privacy Notice Updates

- If you find your Privacy Notice isn't up-to-date, you may update it at any time.
- Any changes made to Privacy Notices can be retroactive.

- The notice must still meet all the requirements of the HMIS Privacy and Security Standards.

Resources for CoCs and Homeless Assistance Providers on the HUD Exchange

- [Infectious Disease Prevention & Response page on HUD Exchange](#)
- [COVID-19 HMIS Resources](#)

Homelessness & COVID-19 Data Collection & Usage

Understanding Data Collection across the U.S.

- Symptom & Service Need Surveys and COVID-19 screening tools are important data collection tools to manage response to pandemic
- Data collection tools being provided by HMIS leads in many communities

Documenting the Strain on Your Organization

- You can track and manage resources that (a) document COVID-19's impact and (b) may be used for reimbursement using The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)'s Budget & Expenses Tracker:
<https://www.csh.org/resources/covid-19-budget-expense-tracker/>
- Planning additional response: Estimating capacity need using this tool:
https://tomhbyrne.shinyapps.io/covid19_homeless_dashboard/

Using Mobile Tech to Support the COVID-19 Response for the Unsheltered Homeless

Mobile Surveys

- Surveys gather pertinent data and help communities identify people in high-risk groups with location specific information
- Sample surveys and information about free tools can be found at
<http://pointintime.info/covid-19/>