COVID-19 Resources for Coalitions, Homeless Service Providers, and Advocates
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As the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues in the United States, many are working from home, facing quarantines, and encountering disruption to their daily activities. For the elderly, those with preexisting conditions or other health challenges, and other higher-risk individuals, the spread of the virus may also bring anxiety. And for individuals experiencing homelessness, this public health situation can expose additional dangers.

Advocates working in local programs and shelters are facing additional challenges as they seek to continue uninterrupted services for their residents. In response to the request of guidance and resources for emergency preparedness for homeless shelters and programs concerning the novel coronavirus, below are some recommendations and resources.

While the scope of the pandemic may be unprecedented, the resilience of our service providers and our shared work to end homelessness in the face of overwhelming challenges is nothing new. We have faced disasters both natural and manmade, and economic crises that lasted for months. You are experts in helping others and most of all, you are skilled, creative problem-solvers who are centering on the needs of those experiencing homelessness every day.

Resources

Center for Disease Control
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/health-preparedness-for-homeless-assistance-providers?e=abe5de046d

National Alliance to End Homelessness
https://endhomelessness.org/coronavirus-and-homelessness/

National Coalition for the Homeless
https://nationalhomeless.org/coronavirus-covid-19/

ARTICLE: The time for community-based organizations to plan for a disease-related public health emergency is now
https://www.cftexas.org/news-events/blog/march-2020/disaster-response

What State and Local Leaders Can Do for Homeless Populations.
https://endhomelessness.org/covid-19-what-state-and-local-leaders-can-do-for-homeless-populations/

Top 10 Non-Profit Check-List
 http://www.cramerphilanthropy.com/top-10-non-profit-check-list-coronavirus/

What Nonprofit Board Members Should Be Doing Right Now to Address the COVID-19 Situation
https://blog.boardsource.org/blog/what-nonprofit-board-members-should-be-doing-right-now-to-address-the-covid-19-situation?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=84813146&_hsenc=p2ANqtz---7Zjb1QH3f-B6WLWq1XyfRhDoC_pyZDXixvA4vog5E_pwCZXcjH68d8Ij39u8D6G6hRdXO8xJBuf5aGA3QgFbcl4oqg&_hsmi=84813146

Fieldstone Leadership Network Resources. Leading and Managing Thru Covid 19.
https://fieldstoneleadershipsd.org/blog/resources-leading-and-managing-thru-covid-19/

What You Need to Know: Symptoms, Prevention, and Hygiene

Symptoms of the coronavirus are fever, shortness of breath and coughing. These symptoms can be associated with a number of illnesses including Influenza (flu).

The following are basic preventative actions to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Regular hand-washing with soap and water.
- "Social distancing" to help slow the spread of infection.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough.