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| Dear Executive Directors,The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the lives and livelihoods of people everywhere, and HUD is all too aware that your operations, staff, and the families you serve are no exception.Life during a pandemic is new to all of us, and we adapt and adopt new ways to operate.  Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) around our country are juggling operations and the implementation of evolving guidelines to help keep staff and residents healthy. As you continue to practice new ways of doing business, HUD is here to support you and your organization.To this end, we offer to you HUD’s COVID-19 Emergency Planning Toolkit to assist with identifying key areas you should consider including in your own planning.  Attached you will find the following:* [**COVID-19 Quick Guide**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5odWQuZ292L3NpdGVzL2RmaWxlcy9QSUgvZG9jdW1lbnRzL0ZpbmFsUXVpY2tHdWlkZS5wZGY_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.0UZ8gB_SIDqkr-zXQ5zYGdls8eK9qMbJoNiuR8-UP88/br/79677407811-l)**:** This document provides topics of consideration and information to help you develop strategies to address the impact of the pandemic on your community and stakeholders. It is not an exhaustive or exclusive list of resources. However, it includes online links to HUD’s COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage, along with links to the Federal government’s joint White House, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Coronavirus websites.  It also provides a link to HUD’s Public and Indian Housing website, where you will find the latest frequently asked questions and published information. In addition, it includes guidance on engaging your local partners that have a role in COVID-19 preparedness, response and recovery and provides you with guidance on addressing the impact this has on your staff and the people you serve.
* [**COVID-19 Interaction Playbook for Housing Partners**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5odWQuZ292L3NpdGVzL2RmaWxlcy9QSUgvZG9jdW1lbnRzL0NPVklELTE5SW50ZXJhY3Rpb25QbGF5Ym9va19Ib3VzaW5nUGFydG5lcnMucGRmP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.pOWYJn9pe7WSarLx8-Fnri2Mjmweg8E7ovs59_yq9rA/br/79677407811-l)**:** This presentation highlights promising practices for safe distribution and social distancing that my team learned from your colleagues—PHAs, TDHEs, and industry groups—compliant with CDC guidelines.
* [**COVID-19 Guidance for Housing Partners**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5odWQuZ292L3NpdGVzL2RmaWxlcy9QSUgvZG9jdW1lbnRzL0NPVklELTE5SG91c2luZ1BhcnRuZXJGbHllci5wZGY_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.cwds0_lRV6r_QvTE3qq44BRddMA3w4g8-0wlyhgqBgw/br/79677407811-l)**:** This flyer summarizes CDC guidance and some of the promising practices for safe distribution and social distancing further discussed in the Interaction Playbook.
* [**Coronavirus Prevention**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5odWQuZ292L3NpdGVzL2RmaWxlcy9QSUgvZG9jdW1lbnRzL0NPVklELTE5X1Jlc2lkZW50Rmx5ZXIucGRmP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSJ9.exgpdg8h1sGFJh6mvEwh7KAFdWsvYA9ptU9-NZjqelU/br/79677407811-l)**:** This flyer should be shared with residents to promote CDC guidance to prevent the further spread of the virus.

In addition, I want to point you toward these resources available online**:*** **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**—[*http****:****//hud.gov/coronavirus*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vaHVkLmdvdi9jb3JvbmF2aXJ1cz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkifQ.FRyyZijmR-Ok2LKaxWne31U3JcxkKWcluyEHizT2dYw/br/79677407811-l)**:** HUD’s website includes up-to-date policy notices, frequently asked questions, and more information tailored to PHAs and to Native Americans.
* **Pandemic Influenza Template**—[*https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/93250*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5mZW1hLmdvdi9tZWRpYS1saWJyYXJ5L2Fzc2V0cy9kb2N1bWVudHMvOTMyNTA_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.v1auEztxXFx6d5X8PJwfZ0U7vjhVziUbHVhXAQfOJ9A/br/79677407811-l)**:** This document from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assists organizations to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan and a Pandemic Influenza Annex in response to a pandemic.
* **PHA Disaster Readiness and Preparation Guide**—[*https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PHADISASTERPREPGUIDE.PDF*](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA2MTAuMjI3MjMyNTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5odWQuZ292L3NpdGVzL2RvY3VtZW50cy9QSEFESVNBU1RFUlBSRVBHVUlERS5QREY_dXRtX21lZGl1bT1lbWFpbCZ1dG1fc291cmNlPWdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5In0.zRnQ2MCy0Lwq089IhvEVsxYHr2deWTHWiZDK576J2-o/br/79677407811-l)**:** This 2016 PIH document describes PHAs’ best practices based on local experience to address emergencies of all kinds.

As many of you are ware, June is the start of Hurricane season. We urge those located in hurricane prone areas to revisit your readiness and preparedness plans and take into consideration COVID-19 and changes that may have been or will be necessary to ensure social distancing at emergency shelters.  HUD encourages you to seek additional advice from local emergency management and disaster response agencies and from federal agencies such as CDC and FEMA. We recognize these are challenging times filled with uncertainties and hope you find this toolkit helpful. Thank you for your dedication to ensure the health and safety of your staff, residents, and communities.With appreciation,Signature of Assistant Secretary KurtzHunter KurtzAssistant Secretary |

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