



## CCEH COVID-19 Response Newsletter

Welcome to the CCEH COVID-19 Response Newsletter.

For additional resources relating to the COVID-19 response, visit [cceh.org/covid19](https://cceh.org/covid19).

You can also donate to CCEH's COVID-19 Emergency Fund at [cceh.org/about/donate-now/covid19](https://cceh.org/about/donate-now/covid19).

### A Message from Our CEO

Dear Friends,

This has been another crazy week. You may share my sense that every day feels like a week or even a month right now. Thank you for all you are doing to help people experiencing homelessness right now. We need your help more than ever.

A special shout out to all the remarkable shelter staff who have worked tirelessly to move nearly 800 clients out of shelters into hotels. Please be aware that these hotels are operating for the next few weeks as part of the shelter system and will be staffed through the Coordinated Access Network. At a time like this, I find myself in awe of the passion and commitment of the many shelter staff who are working tirelessly to settle clients in their new homes.

For those of you who didn't see last week's newsletter, please note the new "[how you can help](#)" page which offers several ways that members of the general public can join our effort. We need help more than ever! If you know of any apartment vacancies for our clients, please share them using this link.

Thanks again to everybody for all your hard work and please do your best to stay safe.

Warmly,

Richard Cho

### How You Can Help

Our providers need your help! This [site](#) includes ways you can volunteer, purchase meals for shelter guests, find a job in a shelter, and help clients become housed. See below to learn how you can contribute to the COVID homeless response.

**Donate today:** Please consider donating emergency funds to move families and individuals into apartments right away. Click [here](#) to make your donation.

**Food:** Please take a moment to donate a hot meal (or two, or three) to a person experiencing homelessness during this crisis. Click [here](#) to purchase a meal or start a "meal-raiser."

**Donate supplies:** CCEH has compiled wishlists of items that our local partners need to keep their staff and clients safe during this crisis. Items in high demand include PPE, toilet paper, and paper towels. Click [here](#) to find your region's wishlist.

**Apartment Vacancies:** We are looking for assistance identifying any vacant units right away. Click [here](#) to share vacancies with our provider network.

**Employment:** You can be part of the COVID homeless response! CCEH is currently accepting applications for essential shelter staff for shelters in Danbury, Greater New Haven, New Britain, and Willimantic/Mansfield Center/Storrs. CCEH will forward applicants to regional Coordinated Access Networks for consideration. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

**Volunteer:** Frontline nonprofits – particularly food banks/pantries, meal delivery services, and homeless shelters – are seeing a marked increase in demand for their services. The state is currently looking for volunteers to support the effort. Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer.

### Important Notice for Essential Workers

We have heard reports of staff requesting an Essential Worker verification as some cities are starting to acknowledge, warn, and fine people out past curfews and in specific locations. **Please be aware that shelter staff are essential and should carry their work IDs so that do not encounter issues.**

### HMIS Service Interruption Planned for 4/21

On Tuesday April 21st at 9:00 AM to 3PM, CT HMIS will be unavailable as it undergoes a major version upgrade from version 7.2 to version 8. This update will upgrade the back-end technology used in the system and will feature only minor changes to the web-page interface staff currently use. A separate email will go out detailing these changes and an open web-meeting will be available should anyone have questions or issues. Please feel free to email [help@nutmegit.com](mailto:help@nutmegit.com) with questions.

## Webinars & Additional Guidance

With information about COVID rapidly evolving, keeping up-to-date is more important than ever. Stay up-to-date by visiting CCEH's COVID Guidance Page, located at [cceh.org/covid19](https://cceh.org/covid19).

**Upcoming Webinars:**

Registration is open for the upcoming webinar:

- [Overview of CT COVID-19 Shelter Decompression Efforts](#)
- [Addressing Food Insecurity During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

**Previously Recorded Webinars:**

- [Tips for Case Managers Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [Preparing Homeless Services and Shelters for Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [Addressing Eviction and Discrimination Concerns During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

**Other Resources:**

- [NAEH COVID-19 webinar series](#)



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