



**BOS COVID-19
Office Hours**
August 6, 2021



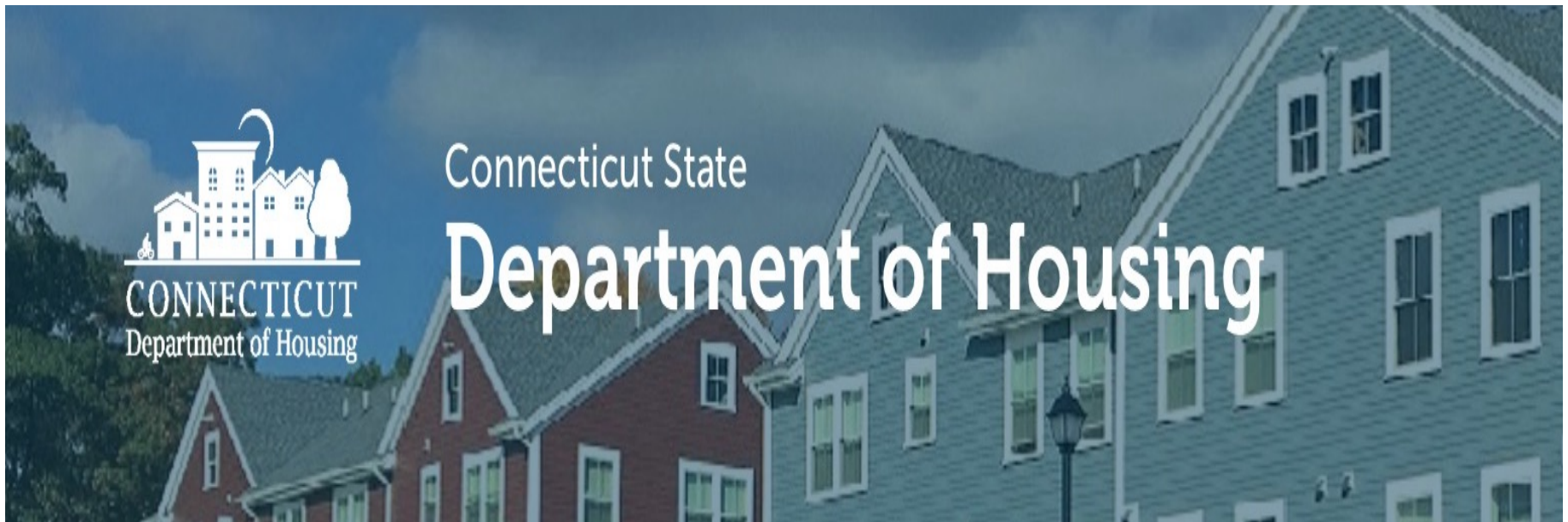


Agenda

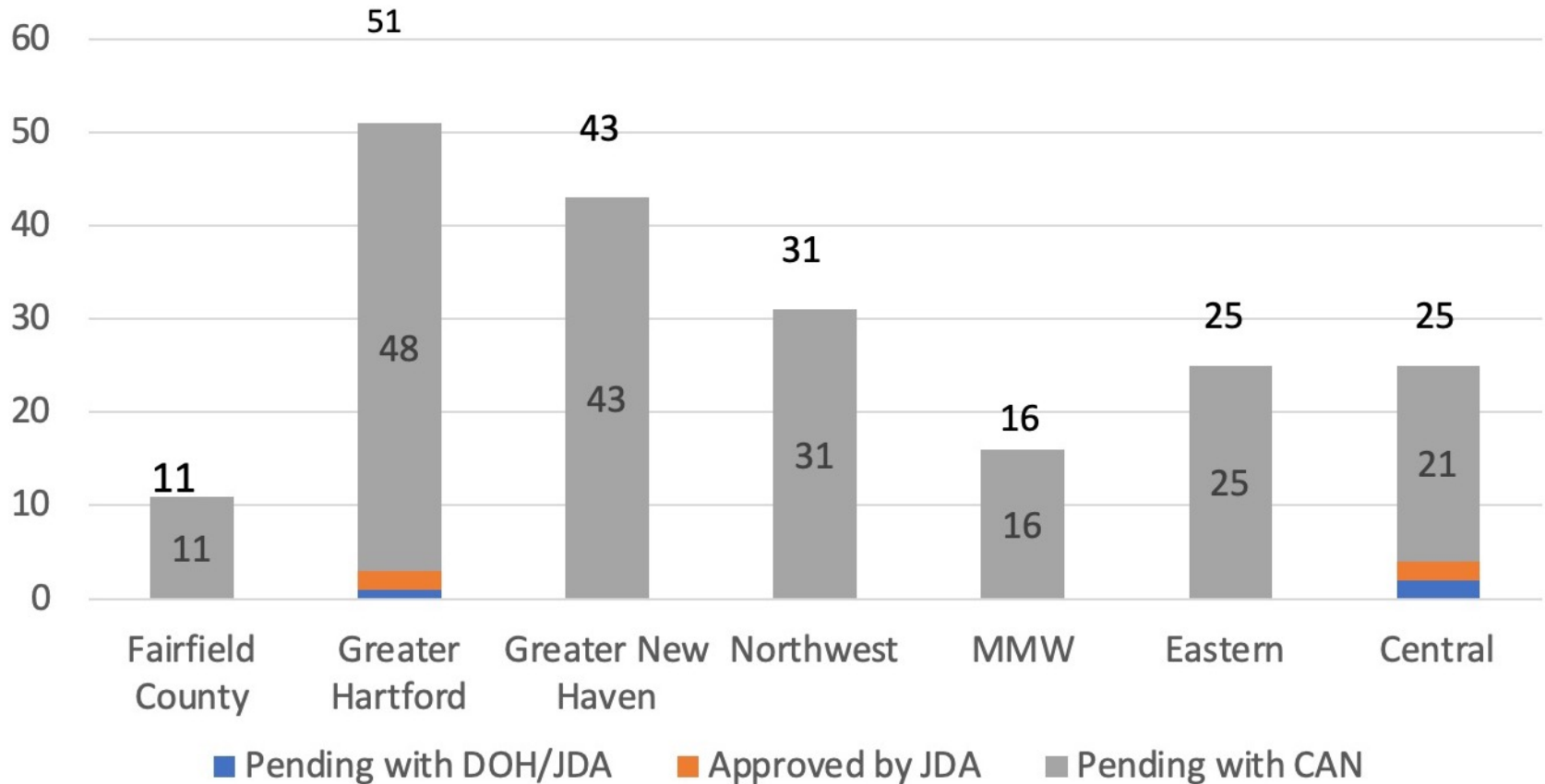


- Welcome
- Updates
 - CT Department of Housing (DOH)
 - Unite CT
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers
 - CT State Department of Education (CSDE)
 - CT Balance of State (CT BOS)
- Next Steps & Resources

Department of Housing Updates



Emergency Housing Vouchers Status as of 8.4.2021



June 18, 2021 - 200 of the total 380 vouchers allocated to CANs



CSDE Updates



CT BOS Updates

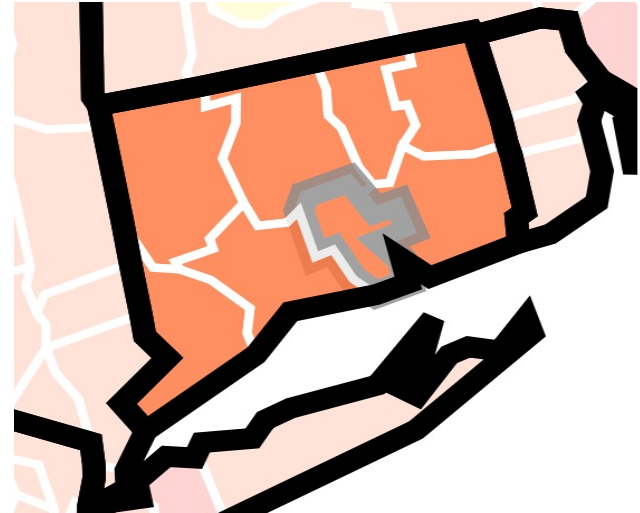
New – CDC Eviction Moratorium



- Targeted Federal [CDC Eviction Moratorium](#) - expires 10/3/21
 - Applies to counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission (see slide #11)
- Requires a declaration:
 - [Declaration Form in English](#)
 - [Declaration form in Spanish](#)
 - Best efforts to: obtain all available rent/housing assistance; and make timely partial payments as circumstances permit
 - Meet income limits (see slide #12)
 - Unable to pay full rent due to loss of income/extraordinary medical expenses; evictions for other reasons not covered
 - Eviction would result in homelessness or close quarters
 - If previously filed a declaration do not need to file a new declaration – those who still qualify are covered

CDC – COVID-19 Integrated County View

- As of 8/4/21, all counties in CT indicated at substantial level of community transmission.
- If county no longer experiences substantial or high transmission for 14 consecutive days, then moratorium will no longer apply until substantial or high levels resume.



CDC Eviction Moratorium- Income Limits

1. Earned no more than \$99K (or \$198K if filing jointly) in CY2020; or expects to earn no more than those limits in CY2021;
2. Was not required to report any income in 2020 to the IRS; or
3. Received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check).



Extended - CT Executive Order #12D

- Extended through 9/30/21
- Requires Landlords to apply to Unite CT prior to delivery of a *Notice to Quit (NtQ)* for non-payment of rent.
- Most *NtQs* must have a move out date that is **at least 30 days** after the NtQ serve date.
- Tenants have 30 days to pay back rent or apply to Unite CT. Eviction case will be put on hold for 30 days or until Unite CT application is processed.



UPDATED – CDC General Mask Guidance for Vaccinated People

- Wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of transmission in your area if:
 - weakened immune system;
 - age or medical condition increases risk for severe disease; or
 - live with someone unvaccinated, with a weakened immune system, or at increased risk for severe disease.



UNCHANGED – CDC Mask Guidance for Shelters

- All shelter staff and volunteers should wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- All clients should wear masks any time they are not in their room or on their bed/mat (in shared sleeping areas), regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks should not be placed on children under 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.



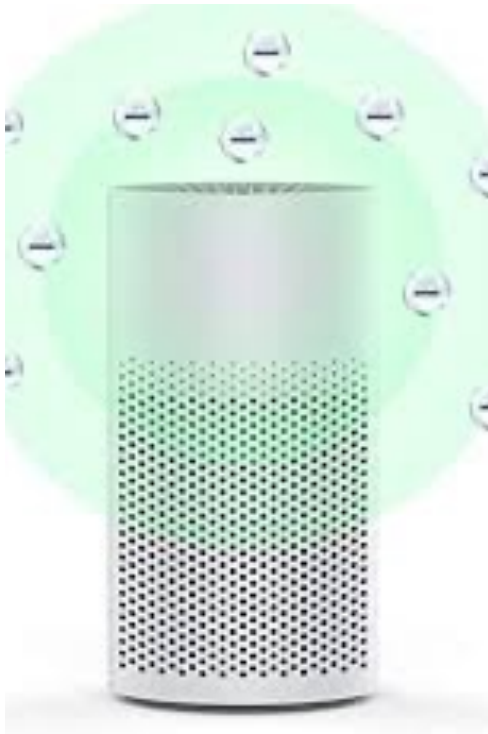
New – CDC Guidance for Exposure

Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should:

- be tested 3-5 days after exposure; AND
- wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result.

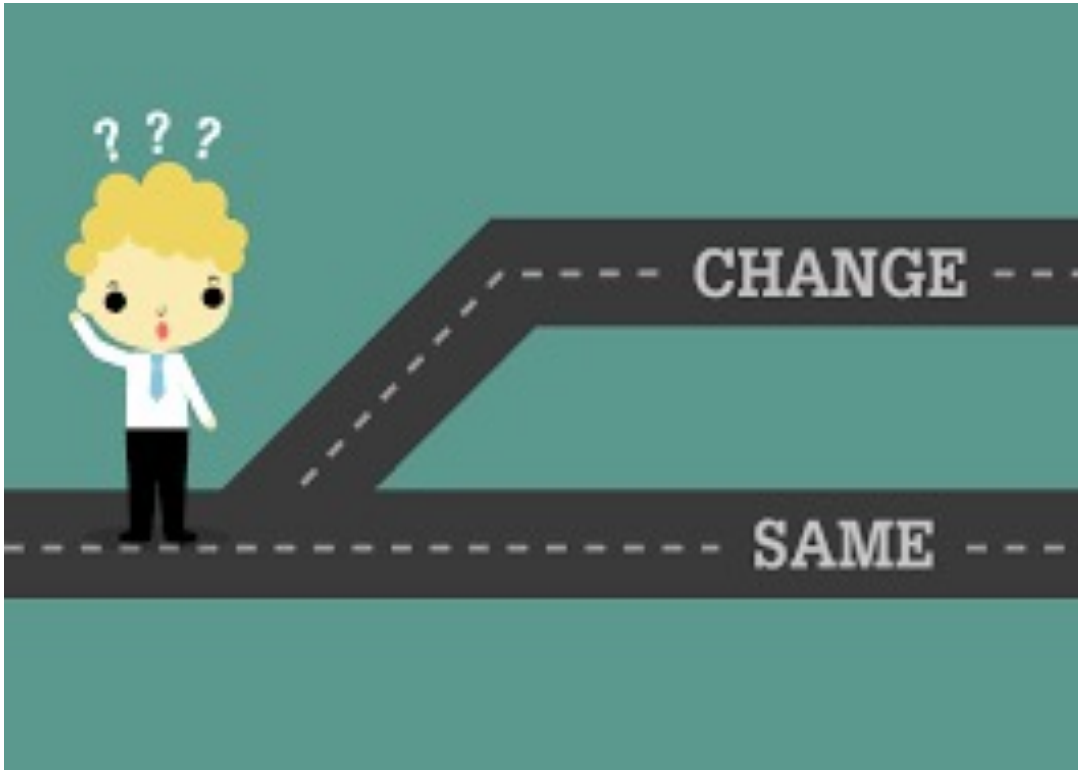


NEW Study on Efficacy of Portable HEPA filters and Masking



- Using two portable HEPA air cleaners close to an aerosol source reduced aerosol exposure by up to 65%.
- A combination of HEPA air cleaners and universal masking reduced exposure by up to 90%.

Lindsley WG, Derk RC, Coyle JP, et al. Efficacy of Portable Air Cleaners and Masking for Reducing Indoor Exposure to Simulated Exhaled SARS-CoV-2 Aerosols — United States, 2021. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;70:972–976.



New: CDC when to modify COVID-19 prevention measures

- Considerations for long-term strategy in homeless service settings
- Considerations for long-term strategy - UNSHELTERED



BOS COVID-19 Office Hours Poll & Suggestions

Poll:

How often should we have
BOS COVID-19 Office
Hours?

Please answer in chat box:

What topics should be
discussed during COVID-19
Office Hours?

Reminders!



Third Round of Economic Impact Payment (EIP)

- The third round of Economic Impact Payments are being sent in phases.
- Each week IRS is sending EIP Payments as tax returns are processed. If you haven't received a payment yet, it doesn't mean you won't.

Get my Payment Tool

- Find out when your third EIP is scheduled to be sent, or when and how IRS sent it.



Didn't Get the First and Second EIP Payments or Got Less than Full Amount?

Recovery Rebate Credit & Economic Impact Payments



- You may be eligible to claim the 2020 Recovery Rebate Credit
- Must file a 2020 tax return, even if you aren't required to file.

It's not too late to file a return!

Free Tax Filing Services: [VITA](#)



Legal assistance:
Statewide Legal
Services

Apply online or call 1-800-453-3320
(Monday – Friday, 9 am - 12 pm & 1 - 2 pm)

For **legal information**
visit **CTLawHelp**



REMINDER – Child Tax Credit



Child tax credit:

- \$3K/child ages 6 to 17
- \$3.6K/child <6 years old

Get the full credit if modified adjusted gross income is:

- \$75,000 or less for single filers
- \$150,000 or less for married couples filing a joint tax return
- \$112,500 or less for “head of household” filers (often unmarried single parents).



- Advance monthly payments for half of the total credit amount
- Claim the remaining half when filing a 2021 income tax return

IRS tools available to:

- Check Eligibility
- Register for advance payments if you don't usually file a return
- Check if you're enrolled to receive payments
- Provide or update your bank account information or mailing address
- View payment history

Which Online Tool Should I Use?



Reminder: CoC Income Exclusions

Excluded when determining
CoC participant income:

- EIP
- Child Tax Credits
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

Reminder - HUD COVID-19 Waivers **Extended**

- Expiration date of 9/30/21 for waivers previously authorized until public health officials determine no additional special measures are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Waivers extended through 9/30/21 or 12/31/21
- Details available:
 - [CT BOS HUD COVID-19 Waiver Memo 7/19/21](#)



HUD COVID-19 Waiver Notification



- Grantees must notify HUD of intent to use extensions:

[Waiver Notification Template](#)

- Notify Hartford Field Office in writing no less than 2 days before using the waiver flexibility: [CPD COVID-19WaiverHAT@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19WaiverHAT@hud.gov)
- DMHAS & DOH notified HUD already; **Subrecipients of DOH/DMHAS should not submit waiver notification.**
- Agencies receiving CoC funds directly from HUD need to submit their own notification.

CT BOS Meeting Schedule Steering Committee & COVID-19 Office Hours

SC Meeting Schedule for 2021

- August 20, 2021;
11-12:30
- September 17, 2021;
11-12:30
- October 15, 2021;
11-12:30
- November 19, 2021;
11-12:30
- December 17, 2021;
11-12:30

Zoom Info for all SC mtgs

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487
8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-
876-9923

BOS COVID Office Hours

- September 3, 2021; 11-12



COVID-19 Webinars

CCEH COVID-19 Webinars

CSH: The Supportive Housing Field Responds to COVID-19

NAEH COVID—19 Online Learning Series

USICH COVID-19 Webinars



COVID-19 Resources



CT BOS - <http://www.ctbos.org/covid-19-resources/>

State of CT - www.ct.gov/coronavirus

CCEH/DOH - <https://cceh.org/2020/03/13/11330/>

DMHAS - <https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS/Newsworthy/News-Items/DMHAS-Response-to-COVID-19>

HUD - <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/#covid-19-community-planning-and-preparedness>

CDC – [homelessness landing page](#)

National Healthcare for the Homeless – <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>

USICH - <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>

CSH COVID-19 Supportive Housing Community Platform - <https://csh.csod.com/>

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