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THHI OFFICE REMOTE OPERATION

In an abundance of caution and as part of mitigation efforts in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus, THHI's office is operating remotely. If you need to reach someone at our office, please dial our main number at **813-223-6115**, dial their direct line or visit our website at www.THHI.org for more information.

The health and safety of our staff, community members and partners are a top priority for us, and we truly appreciate your cooperation and patience during this difficult time. We will continue to share any new information as it becomes available.

CANCELLING OF CONTINUUM OF CARE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

To continue the mitigation efforts in response to the COVID-19, the following meetings and events has been cancelled until further notice:

- March 31 – Expungement Clinic in Partnership with the State Attorneys Office
- April 2 – Continuum of Care Monthly Meeting

COVID-19 HOMELESS RELATED INFORMATION

Federal Related Information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – The Whitehouse Guidelines

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

COVID-19 | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness - USICH

Visit their site for a consolidated list of resources on how to address the coronavirus:

<https://www.usich.gov/covid-19>

HUD Publishes a CDBG Quick Guide to Support Infectious Disease Response

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HUD - Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response

Families and individuals experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable to infectious diseases due to lack of access to primary care, mobility, and poor health status from extended episodes of homelessness. HUD strongly encourages Continuums of Care (CoCs) to contact local public health departments, Healthcare for the Homeless agencies, and other local health partners to ensure the unique needs and opportunities related to the homeless service system are incorporated. CoCs can take steps now to develop preparedness and response plans to protect against infection.

HUD posted the following Technical Assistance (TA) resources on the [Infectious Disease Prevention & Response](#) page to provide guidance from HUD's federal partners dedicated to preparing for and responding to infectious diseases, including COVID-19:

- [Using CoC Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response](#)

State Related Information:

Florida Department of Health - What you need to know now about COVID-19 in Florida

Adults 60 and older and those with underlying medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease are more likely to develop serious illness. Here's what you can do right now:

<http://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

For more information about the coronavirus, please contact the COVID-19 Call Center:

COVID-19@flhealth.gov

1 (866) 779-6121

The Call Center is available 24/7

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Florida Housing Coalition - COVID-19 Response for Housing and Homelessness in Florida

Join the Florida Housing Coalition as we host a webinar to discuss the **COVID-19 Response for Housing and Homelessness in Florida**. Please join us on **Thursday, March 19 at 1:30 pm**.

REGISTER HERE: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4575306882819615245>

This webinar will provide you with the resources that we've gathered to-date surrounding COVID-19, as well as a guest speakers. Guest speakers include:

- **Trey Price**, FHFC Executive Director
- **Rob Dearduff**, FHFC Special Programs Administrator
- **Amanda Rosado**, Florida Housing Coalition Ending Homelessness Team Director

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information, contact the Florida Housing Coalition at info@flhousing.org or (850)-878-4219.

Local Related Information:

Hillsborough County Government - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Protect yourself, our customers, co-workers, and the community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses like coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This page is meant to provide helpful information to guide employees in preventing workplace exposures. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy.

The county is actively monitoring the status of the virus. Check back often for updates:

<http://coin.hillsboroughcounty.org/1875/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Updates>

City of Tampa | Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information

On March 16th, Mayor Jane Castor issued an updated executive order to allow for the Administration to move critical City business forward while protecting the health of the public.

[See the full order](#)

<https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/public%3A/additionalfiles/eo-2020-02-covid-19.pdf>

On March 16th, Council Chair Luis Viera also issued a memo to members of City Council.

[See the memo here](#)

<https://www.tampagov.net/sites/default/files/public%3A/additionalfiles/memocitycouncilmeetings-3-16-2020.pdf>

A local state of emergency was also declared on March 12th by the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group. This decision will support emergency management efforts throughout Hillsborough County.

Please stay safe by following the World Health Organization's recommendations for combatting the virus:

1. Wash hands often |
2. Cough into your elbow |
3. Don't touch your face
4. Stay more than 6ft apart from others |
5. Feel sick? Stay at home!

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