



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

CAM (313) 305-0311 **Hours:** M-F 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun Closed



Eviction Diversion, Rental, and Utility Assistance **UPDATE**

Starting Monday, COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) funding for residents in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck will be available. Read more about eligibility requirements [here](#).

Residents needing rental or utility assistance can apply [here](#). For assistance navigating the application, call (866) 313-2520.

Economic Impact Payment (EIP) #3

With the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, more assistance will be available for millions negatively-impacted by the pandemic.

Officially starting Wednesday March 17, the next EIPs Stimulus Payments for individuals \$1400 and \$2800 for married couples will begin being disbursed.

Find more information about eligibility at the IRS website [here](#).

If you did *not* receive previous Stimulus payments, you may be eligible for a [Recovery Rebate Credit](#). To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. Details are available [here](#).

Virtual Resources for Tax Assistance - [link](#)

Social Security & Supplemental Income

If you are aware of someone who is in a dire need situation, and has been unable to contact his or her local Social Security office, contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at **312-575-4050** or chi.rpa@ssa.gov

Direct Client Assistance

Funding is still available *via a grant to HAND* from United Way of Southeastern Michigan (UWSEM) to provide furniture and landlord incentives to people currently enrolled in a PSH or RRH program in the Detroit CoC who are in the process of moving into a unit, or who have recently moved into a unit. **Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until 3/31/2021 or until funding exhausted (whichever comes first).**

Click this [link](#) for details



Masks for Staff & Clients

Through generous donations from Joel Drazin and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), HAND has masks available for staff and clients of homeless programs. Our priority is to supply permanent housing programs.

Please complete this [form](#) to request masks and we will contact you to schedule a pickup day and time.

Surveys

Detroit CoC Training Survey

We would like your input as we strive to plan training opportunities for the Continuum for 2021 and coming years. Please follow this [link](#) to inform of us what trainings you would like to see.

Responses will be collected on a rolling basis but are due by 11:59pm on March 31st to be considered for development in 2021.

Workforce Training Survey

The workforce and homeless systems have been working together to find ways to better serve jobseekers experiencing homelessness or housing instability. One way is by providing cross-systems training to foster cross-system learning and build capacity. Since January 2020, eight cross-system trainings have been provided to the workforce and homeless systems by the [Heartland Alliance](#), [Detroit at Work](#), and the Coordinated Assessment Model ([CAM](#)).

We plan on delivering additional trainings in 2021 that help further align service delivery

across both systems. **We need your input to determine future cross-system training topics! Please take [this 5-7 minute survey](#) by Monday 3/22 to help us create trainings most helpful to you.**

Thank you in advance for your feedback. Contact Program Manager, [Laura Urteaga-Fuentes](#) for questions/comments. If you are interested in viewing recordings of past trainings, you can access them [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources



**CITY OF DETROIT
COVID-19 VACCINES
UPDATE - DETROITERS**
Updated: March 4th, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE AT TCF CENTER?

There is NO COST for the vaccine.

- **NEW!** Any resident of the City of Detroit who is age 50 or older with a Chronic Condition (that means anyone born in 1970 or earlier)
- **NEW!** Manufacturing employees, that live or work in Detroit. Employees should check with their employer first to determine if company vaccinations will be done at TCF or on job-site. Employees at FCA/Stellantis plants (Jefferson North and Mack) will be offered vaccinations on site.
- A Good Neighbor who is age 55 or older who lives in Detroit or in Michigan, who drives a Detroit-er age 60+ to the TCF Center vaccine site. The appointments must be made at the same time.
- Childcare providers and K-12 school employees.
- Adult Foster Care caregivers.
- U.S. Post Office employees who live or work in Detroit.
- Employees of the City of Detroit or city-related agencies who are working from their regular job site. Employees working from home are not eligible at this time.
- All food or beverage workers living or working in the City of Detroit: Grocery stores, restaurants, meat packing, food & beverage handling facilities.
- Federal, state law enforcement officials who live or work in Detroit and report to a job site, such as FBI, ATF, DEA, U.S. Marshall, U.S. Attorney, State Police, and Michigan Attorney General.
- Funeral home/mortuary services employees who live or work in Detroit.
- Active members of the clergy who live or work in Detroit and whose ministry brings them into face-to-face contact with congregation members.
- Security guards and janitors.
- All identified populations in Group 1A. Paid and unpaid persons in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials working in Detroit.
- Detroit residents 19+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities, caregivers of those residents and home healthcare providers if they travel in the same vehicle during the appointment. One live-in caregiver per resident. Evidence of condition required at appointment.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE TCF CENTER

APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE TCF CENTER. HERE'S HOW:

1. Call (313) 230-0505 Monday through Friday, 9 am – 6 pm
2. Choose Prompt 1 to make an appointment "vaccine option."
3. If you are in one of the identified groups to receive a vaccine, one caller can book for multiple people in your car. You will need 6 pieces of information for each person when you make the call:
 - Name, Address, Date of Birth, Phone number, Email, Previous allergic reactions to vaccines?

4. For workers and others, you will need to provide essential work type, employer name, work address, and bring proof of employment to the vaccine appointment (i.e. work badge or employer paystub printed or on your phone).
 4. You will be given appointments for 2 vaccine dates.
 5. Reminders and instructions will be sent via text and/or email.
- PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR UPDATES ON VACCINES FOR ADDITIONAL GROUPS.**

(Click image for full pdf)

Detroit Vaccine Appointments

Detroit residents can schedule an appointment at the TCF Center by calling 313-230-0505, Monday-Friday from 9am - 6pm. Determine your eligibility and find out more about Detroit's expanded eligibility vaccine program [here](#).

Those with a vaccination appointment needing rides to the TCF center can call (313) 230-0505

HUD has issued [guidance](#) for homeless service providers on how to talk with clients about the COVID-19 Vaccine and any concerns their client may have. Click [here](#) for the Spanish version .

Click [here](#) to access the CoC google drive for printable infographics explaining vaccine prioritization for frontline workers and those experiencing homelessness.

CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinars

The Detroit CoC biweekly webinars provide important community and stakeholder updates, resources and guidance, problem solving, and coordination.

- Register for upcoming webinars by [clicking here](#).
- Access past and future webinar materials by [clicking here](#).
- To sign up to receive monthly situation reports [click here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

National Health Care for the Homeless Council: Conference and Policy Symposium

May 10-14

"Join the virtual 2021 National HCH Conference & Policy Symposium as we explore innovative approaches to homeless health care and service delivery through a COVID-19 lens in five days of intensive, CME-accredited trainings. #HCH2021 is your chance to learn and engage at the premier annual gathering of clinicians, consumers, administrators, and advocates working at the intersection of health care and homelessness."

Registration details [here](#)

NLIHC Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2021: A New Day

March 30-31

Participants will have opportunities to engage with and learn from thought-leaders, policy experts, researchers, affordable housing practitioners, low-income residents, and leaders from Capitol Hill about the state of the affordable housing crisis in America and its solutions.

Register [here](#)

**registration fees are on a sliding scale*

NOW HIRING

HAND is accepting applications for a *COVID-19 Vaccination Data Entry Clerk/Coordinator* - Job description [here](#)

Program Analyst II - Homelessness Specialist II

The City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department is currently accepting applications for PROGRAM ANALYST II - HOMELESSNESS SPECIALIST II. Interested candidates can go [here](#) or [here](#) to apply

Street Outreach and Data Input Specialist - [Apply here](#)

Housing and Emergency Services Manager - [Apply here](#)

Precariously Housed Case Manager - [Apply Here](#)

Fee Waivers

MCAH recently hosted two trainings to help people experiencing homelessness obtain vital documents.

- State ID Fee Waiver - [link](#)
- Birth Certificate Fee Waiver - [link](#)

Additional resources are available on their vital documents page - [link](#)



Access DWIHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues
[\(800\) 241-4949](tel:8002414949)

How to Obtain Emergency & After Hours Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

How Access Routine Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

Take a Self Mental Health Screening [here](#)

Legislative Action Committee

Join the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness's (MCAH) [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding. Meetings are the first Monday of the Month from 12pm-1pm. You can register for April's [here](#) or [view previous meetings](#)

More Information

- ▶ Recent CoC Reports - [link](#)
- ▶ Project Clean Slate - Expungement [link](#)
- ▶ Pet Pantry & Pets for Life - [link](#)
- ▶ MCEDSV Human Trafficking Toolkit - [link](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- ▶ Detroit CoC's COVID-19 - [link](#)
- ▶ Michigan's COVID-19 Page - [link](#)
- ▶ MCTEH's Coronavirus Page - [Link](#)
- ▶ CDC - [link](#)

Resource

To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-related information for the upcoming **March 30** newsletter click [here](#) to access a google submission form. If you have a question, feedback or issue with the form, email

kimberly@handetroit.org

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