



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



Notice and Order Regarding Executive Order 7P
Safe Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness

March 31, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has recommended that states, especially those with higher rates of growth in the number of infected people, take measures to reduce density within homeless shelters and other congregant housing situations, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is making funding available to reimburse states for certain related expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lamont determined that reducing density in congregant housing and providing alternate housing for people experiencing homelessness within Connecticut is necessary to protect public health and safety and therefore issued Executive Order 7P on March 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7P authorized the Commissioner of Housing to issue such orders as she deems necessary to provide or arrange for non-congregant housing with sufficient physical distancing capacity for people who, from the nature of their existing housing, are at increased risk of exposure to, infection with, or transmission of COVID-19, and to seek reimbursement for any resulting expenditures from appropriate federal agencies or other sources; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Housing has been coordinating with other state agencies and offices to secure the availability of hotel and motel rooms and other facilities deemed by DOH to be appropriate for non-congregant housing (the "Alternate Housing") throughout the State of Connecticut in order to reduce the density within homeless shelters and other congregant housing in order to protect public health and safety, including reducing any spread of COVID-19 within such shelters or congregant housing; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Housing is issuing this order to inform homeless shelter providers and other congregant housing providers of the availability of the Alternate Housing and the procedure to access the Alternate Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that, effective immediately:

1. Homeless and other shelter providers as well as providers of other congregant housing may contact their respective Coordinated Access Network Manager(s) (each a "CAN Manager"), which individual(s) shall be the point of contact for such providers to gain access to the Alternate Housing.

2. The CAN Managers are hereby requested to promptly assist homeless shelter providers and other providers of other congregant housing to access the Alternate Housing pursuant to the framework and terms and conditions of all agreements entered into by DOH and/or other state agencies or offices and the owners or the duly authorized representatives of the owners of the Alternate Housing, in order to protect public health and safety by lowering the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
3. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless earlier modified or terminated by me by further Notice and Order.



Seila Mosquera-Bruno
Commissioner