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COVID-19 Update

Homeless Services Division & Continuum of Care

Presented by All Chicago, DFSS and CDPH

Connecting our Partners with Information to Stay Healthy

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Agenda

- Share updates on this **webinar's format** and **schedule**
- COVID-19 current status update
- Updates and Resources for Shelters
- CARES Act Funding Overview
- Rental Assistance - State Homeless Prevention Funds
- Get out the Vote – SHPA CCH
- CoC **Announcements** and Reminder of **Commitments**

Webinar Schedule

- There will be no COVID-19 Chicago CoC webinar in November. (DFSS will be hosting a webinar for shelter providers on **Friday, November 13**)
- The next COVID-19 Chicago CoC webinar will be **Friday, December 4**
- For updates on the next monthly joint webinar make sure to register here:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3043654203873786891>

COVID-19 Chicago CoC Webinar

This webinar meets **5 times**.

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CDT

Add to Calendar

At the time above, [join the webinar](#).

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A confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar

Questions or Comments? Contact: hmis@allchicago.org

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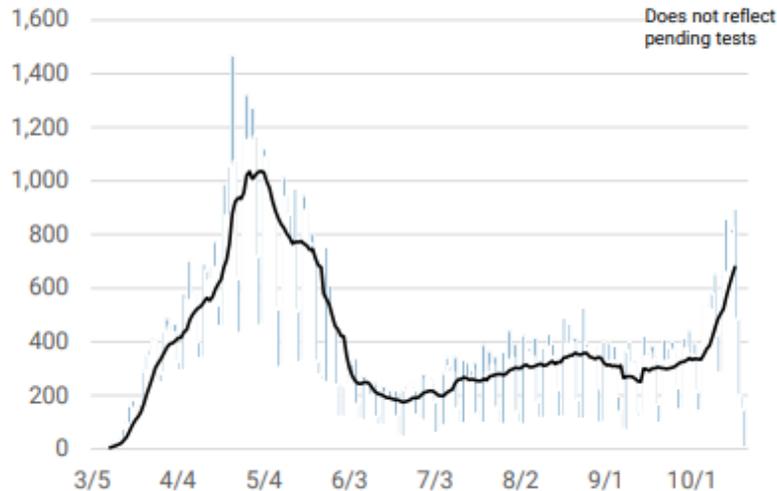
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COVID-19 STATUS AND RESPONSE UPDATES

COVID-19 Current Status

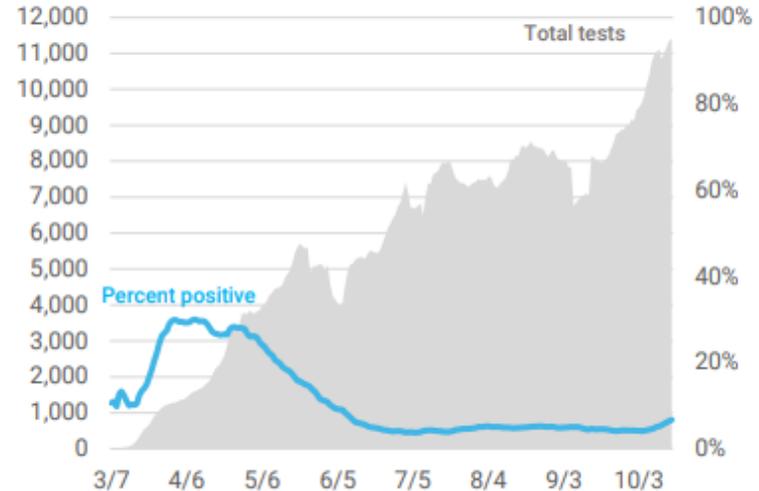
There are **90,722** cases of COVID-19 and **3,018** deaths among Chicago residents as of October 21, 2020. An estimated **80,649** residents have recovered.¹

Confirmed daily COVID-19 cases and 7-day rolling average



Daily COVID-19 cases reported for Chicago residents with known specimen collection date. Results for several previous days are updated each day. Two cases with specimen collection dates prior to March 1, 2020 are not included in the graph.

COVID-19 testing and percent positivity, 7-day rolling average



Number of tests performed and percentage of tests that were positive averaged over 7 days. Includes molecular tests performed at state and private laboratories with known specimen collection date. Percent positivity is based on number of tests. Tests performed between Jan 21 and Feb 29, 2020 are not included in graph. CDPH may not receive all non-positive results.

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Preventing COVID-19 in Chicago's Sheltered Homeless population

- Individuals experiencing homelessness cannot simply close their doors to COVID-19. The coronavirus spreads rapidly among close contacts, so people living in congregate settings like homeless shelters are at particularly high risk.
- City of Chicago works in collaboration with medical providers, shelter operators, academic centers and advocacy organizations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among the vulnerable shelter populations.

Summary of Key Findings

- Since March 1, 2020:
 - **6703** (residents and/or staff of homeless shelters) and **96** (encampment residents) individuals have been tested for COVID-19.
 - CDPH has facilitated testing at **49** shelters and **9** encampments across Chicago
- As of October 3, 2020, **686** people experiencing homelessness or shelter staff have tested positive for COVID-19
- Percent positivity has decreased significantly, from 46% in April to now under 3% at the start of October
- Several rounds of testing were performed at sites with larger outbreaks.

Shelter-based testing strategy

- The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) actively tracks cases of COVID-19 among shelter residents and shelter staff members in two ways:
 1. Routine outreach to shelter providers for report of any newly identified cases in shelter residents or staff members
 2. Follow up on cases reported to surveillance with addresses of known shelters
- When a case is reported in a shelter staff member or resident CDPH:
 - Conducts a facility-level investigation to identify potential exposure among shelter contacts
 - Arranges for facility-wide testing (residents and staff) for all those at risk, even asymptomatic persons in collaboration with Rush University Medical Center and UI Health.

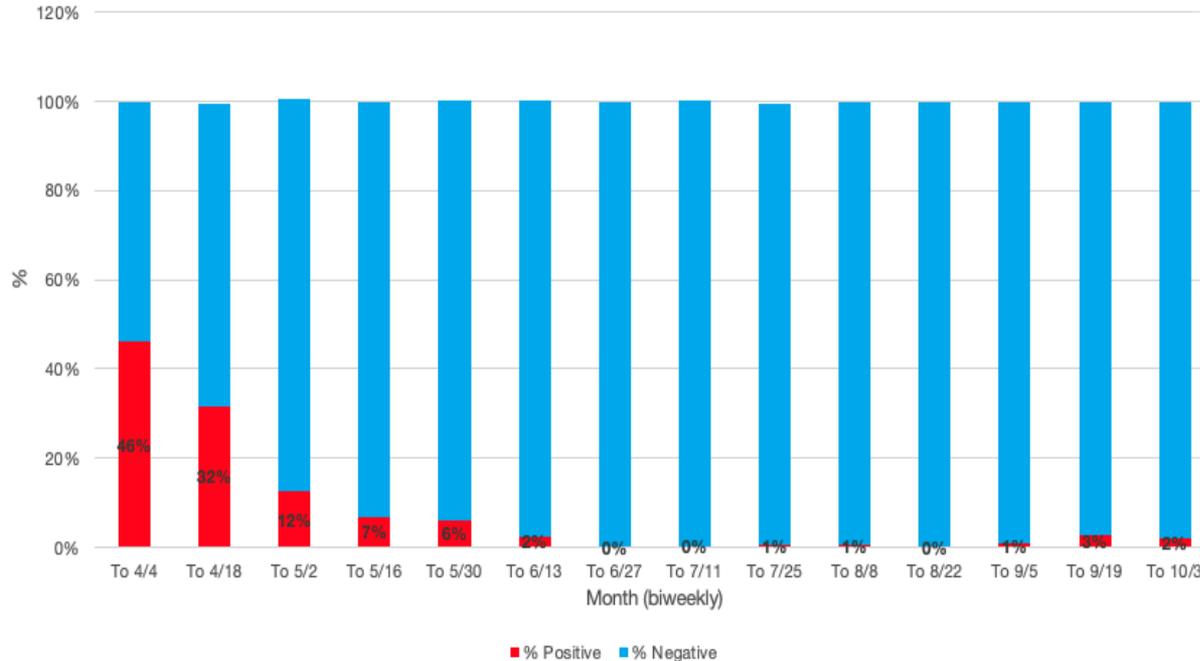
Testing Results: By the Numbers

- Number of Shelter Programs receiving Widespread testing for COVID-19: **49**
- Number of Encampments receiving Widespread testing of COVID-19: **9**
- Shelter Residents/Staff testing for COVID-19: **6703**
- Shelter Residents/Staff tested positive for COVID-19: **686**
- Overall percent positivity rate: **10.2%**
- Number of known COVID-19 related Deaths in shelter residents: **2**
- Number of known COVID-19 related Deaths in shelter staff: **2**

Rates of Positivity of COVID-19 in Shelters

For the past 24 weeks, Chicago's percent positivity rate in shelters with at least one reported case has been below 15%.

Percent positivity across Chicago shelters by two-week period (2020)



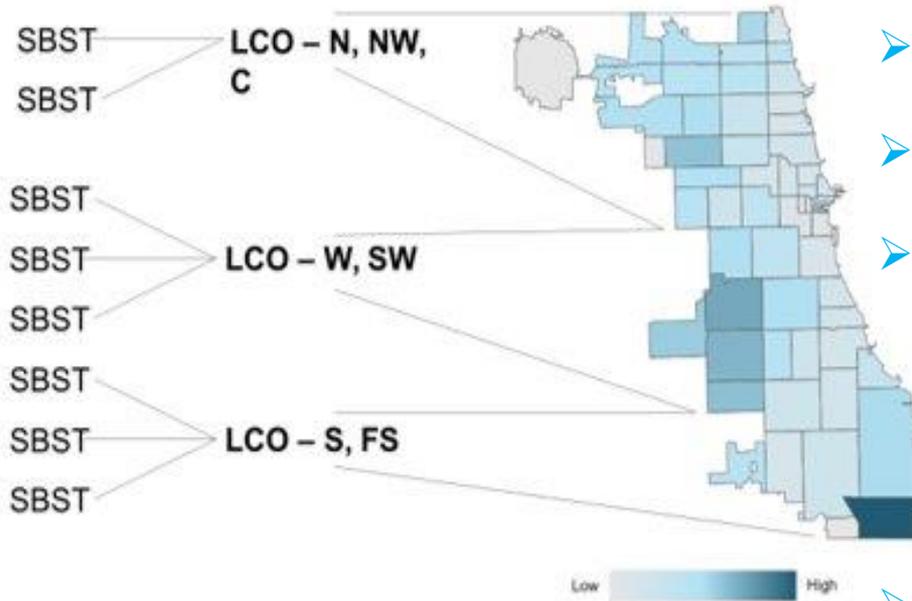
Taking Action to Interrupt Transmission

- After testing, we work directly with residents and staff to ensure any positive individuals are safely isolated – either in their home, on site or in a City-provided isolation facility.
- The city also has a result nurse who conducts on-site visits *after testing* to:
 - Provide most up to date public health guidance
 - Safe social distancing measures
 - Use of personal protective equipment
 - Routine hand washing
- To learn more of the ways in which CDPH, DFSS (Chicago Department of Family & Support services) and our partners are taking action: [Preventing COVID-19 in Chicago's Homeless Population](#).

Upcoming Resource: Shelter-Based Service Teams

- COVID-19 pandemic has shed a brighter light on the inequities in health resources for people experiencing homelessness, and while these inequalities predated COVID-19 and contributed to unacceptably disparate outcomes
- CDPH is funding organizations that will develop, manage and support Shelter-Based Service Teams (SBSTs) across the City in order to prevent, respond to, and reduce the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and other infectious diseases in homeless shelters
- Heartland Alliance Health Care and Lawndale Christian Alliance have been awarded by CDPH as Lead Coordinating Organizations of Shelter-Based Service Teams.
 - SBSTs may be provided through these LCOs or subcontracted with certain regions
- Short term goal is to slow spread of COVID, long term goal is to create sustainable networks of providers that deliver culturally responsive, trauma-informed care to the homeless and vulnerably housed.

Activities to be aware of in the coming weeks



- Flu vaccine administration
- Rapid testing capabilities in shelter
- Shelter assessment
 - General population data
 - Primary care and behavioral health insights on your residents
 - Shelter facility information
- Kick off meeting with Heartland or Lawndale

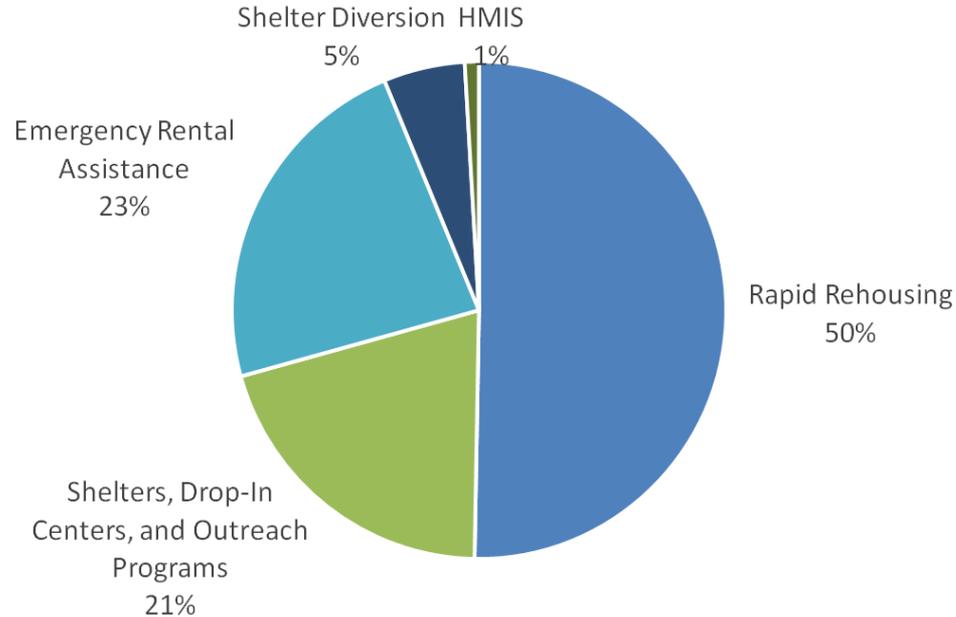
DFSS Continues to Support a Decompressed Shelter System

- Shelters will continue to operate at reduced bed capacity to allow for social distancing.
 - The City continues to provide alternate bed capacity at two City-leased facilities – Calumet High School and Young Women's Leadership Academy – to allow for the decompression of the shelter system for single men, single women, and families through March 2021, in line with CDPH guidance.
- Overnight shelters serving adults will continue to operate 24/7 through at least March 2021.
- DFSS is working with CDPH and delegates to plan for winter preparedness.
 - DFSS will host a Shelter Provider Check-in on Friday, November 13 from 1-2pm. Topics will include system-wide bed availability and shelter responsibilities as we head into winter.
 - DFSS will continue to partner with CDPH on managing COVID risks in shelters.
 - Ensuring shelter residents have access to flu shots
 - Opportunities for facility improvements, e.g. installation of between-bed dividers or sneeze guards
 - Best practices for keeping clients engaged inside during cold weather

DFSS Led Comprehensive Outreach Response

- The DFSS mobile unit with Heartland Alliance Health medical services is offering COVID testing at encampment sites across the city on a recurring basis. Widespread testing to be coordinated in response to any outbreaks in coordination with CDPH, UI Health, and Rush University.
- Continued city-wide canvassing and outreach, including on the CTA
 - Screening for COVID-19 symptoms/risk factors and providing face masks, hand sanitizer, water and food
 - Expedited procedure for outreach teams to connect clients to shelter through Catholic Charities
 - Maintaining hand-washing stations and Porta-Potties
 - Outreach during day and overnight hours
- DFSS is in conversation with CDPH, drop-in and outreach providers, and other City departments to plan for daytime and overnight warming spaces as we head into winter.

DFSS CARES Act Funding Overview



*DFSS CARES Act funding includes CSBG, CDBG, ESG funding allocated through DFSS. Note that it does not include IDHS emergency COVID-response funding for shelters or CARES Act funding allocated through other City departments to serve Chicagoans experiencing homelessness.

CARES Act Funding Overview

Category	Description	Funding Amount
Rapid Rehousing	Fund the Expedited Housing Initiative to rapidly house people experiencing homelessness at risk of serious illness or complications from COVID-19	\$35,245,607
Shelters, Drop-In Centers, and Outreach Programs	Protect people in shelter and on the street from COVID-19 by maintaining a decompressed shelter system to allow for safe social distancing and providing enhanced outreach and drop-in services	\$14,318,370
Emergency Rental Assistance	Prevent people from becoming homeless as a result of COVID-19 through targeted rental assistance to households at imminent risk of eviction	\$16,145,395
Shelter Diversion	Pilot a national best practice to support households accessing shelter in turning back around into housing as quickly as possible	\$3,731,444
HMIS	Support infrastructure for community use of data through expanded HMIS capacity for additional projects and to track outcomes of COVID-19 response	\$650,000

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State Homeless Prevention Funds

All Chicago currently partners with 10 community organizations across Chicago to provide financial assistance for security deposits, rent, mortgages and utilities.

The goals of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) State Homeless Prevention Programs are to:

- Stabilize individuals and families in their current home.
- Decrease the amount of time families and individuals spend in shelters.
- Help families and individuals secure and maintain affordable housing.

Who is eligible for State Homeless Prevention Funds?

- Chicago residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and within the zip codes identified by the Illinois Department of Human Services as “Hardest Hit”.
- Households that are currently experiencing homelessness.
- Households in imminent danger of eviction, homelessness, or foreclosure. (Households are ineligible if they have started the foreclosure process.)
- All households must be able to document an economic or COVID-19 crisis beyond their control, including; homelessness, loss of employment, medical disability or emergency, loss or delay of a public benefit, substantial change in household composition, illegal action by a landlord, displacement by government or private action, other conditions constituting a hardship comparable to the crises above.

How can someone access State Homeless Prevention Funds?

- Potential clients can **call “311” and ask for “short-term help.”** Callers will be connected to an Information and Referral Specialist at the Homeless Prevention Call Center (HPCC) for a brief assessment and referral, if eligible.

State Homeless Prevention Funds- Eligible Zip Codes

Who is eligible for State Homeless Prevention Cures Act funds?

- Chicago residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic within the zip codes identified by the Illinois Department of Human Services as “Hardest Hit”.

The Hardest Hit zip codes are: 60602, 60603, 60604, 60607, 60608, 60609, 60612, 60614, 60615, 60616, 60617, 60618, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60622, 60623, 60624, 60625, 60626, 60628, 60629, 60630, 60632, 60634, 60636, 60637, 60638, 60639, 60640, 60641, 60643, 60644, 60645, 60647, 60649, 60651, 60652, 60653, 60657, 60660, 60661

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION (SHPA)

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Supportive Housing Providers Association

SHPA's Annual Conference is Nov 12& 13

- Registration is now open:
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5432497147310260748>

Illinois Interagency Council on Ending Homelessness

- Supporter's Sign on : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y8NKY6L>

Your Voice, Your Vote: Action Materials from SHPA, CCH and The Alliance

- More resources: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A_n-Pb1XsiwOs7wPj_n2eOQlb1Bj-q2r?usp=sharing



Voter Registration Is Advocacy!

- Voter registration and voting can be **complex for any person**, and may be even more so for people experiencing homelessness.
- This process has become **even more difficult** because of COVID-19 and changes in methods of voting.
- **All these factors make it critically important for providers to encourage and assist people experiencing homelessness to register to vote.**

The National Alliance to End Homelessness

Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act

- 775 ILCS 45/10
- Sec. 10. Bill of Rights
- (a) No person's rights, privileges, or access to public services may be denied or abridged solely because he or she is homeless. Such a person shall be granted the same rights and privileges as any other citizen of this State. A person experiencing homelessness has the following rights...
- (5) the right to vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to his or her housing status

Your Vote Matters

On 9/30/2020, Governor Pritzker and 11 other Governors released this joint statement, promising:

- “As governors, it is our solemn duty to protect the people of our states. Today, we affirm that **all votes cast in the upcoming election will be counted** and that democracy will be delivered in this election. That means all valid ballots cast in accordance with state and local laws must be counted”

Making a Plan



- Where and when:
 - Illinois State Board of Election and Local Election Authorities
 - elections.il.gov
- How:
 - Voting can take place by mail, early in person or on Election Day in person
- Votes must be cast by 11/3/2020

Registration and Identification

Register online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/> by 11:59pm on Sunday, October 18. You will need:

- Illinois driver's license or state ID
- Date license or ID was issued
- Last four of SSN
- Birthdate

Register in person at [designated locations](#) between October 19 and November 2. You will need **two forms** of identification:

- [Letter from shelter provider](#) if registering with shelter address
- Mail postmarked to the applicant (i.e. utility, LINK/DHS)
- Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid card
- Other forms of acceptable ID found [here](#)

What's On The Ballot?

- Elected officials at local, county, state, and national level
- Local issues
- Illinois' Constitutional Amendment

<p>NOTIFICACION DE VOTO DE MENOS</p> <p>Antes de emitir su boleta, confirme que todos los candidatos por los cuales usted tiene la intención de votar para los cargos constitucionales estatales estén correctamente registrados. Si se desuena un voto de menos involuntario (por no votar), usted puede corregirlo antes de emitir su boleta. Si usted así lo desea, puede emitir su boleta con votos de menos.</p>	
<p>STATE OF ILLINOIS / ESTADO DE ILLINOIS</p>	
<p>"NOTICE</p> <p>THE FAILURE TO VOTE THIS BALLOT MAY BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A NEGATIVE VOTE, BECAUSE A CONVENTION SHALL BE CALLED OR THE AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IF APPROVED BY EITHER THREE-FIFTHS OF THOSE VOTING ON THE QUESTION OR A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING IN THE ELECTION. (THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS A DIRECTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS REQUIRED TO BE CAST EITHER IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSITION HEREIN CONTAINED.)</p> <p>WHETHER YOU VOTE THIS BALLOT OR NOT YOU MUST RETURN IT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE WHEN YOU LEAVE THE VOTING BOOTH."</p>	
<p>"AVISO</p> <p>NO VOTAR EN ESTA BOLETA PUEDE CONSTITUIR UN VOTO NEGATIVO, YA QUE SE INVOCARÁ UN CONVENIO O LA ENMIENDA SERÁ EFECTIVA SI ES APROBADA POR TRES QUINTOS DE LOS VOTANTES EN ESTE ASUNTO O UNA MAYORIA DE LOS VOTANTES DE LA ELECCION. (LO ANTERIOR NO DEBE INTERPRETARSE COMO UNA INDICACION DE QUE SE REQUIERE QUE EMITA SU VOTO EN OPPOSICION DE LA PROPUESTA AQUÍ PRESENTADA.)</p> <p>INDEPENDIEMENTE DE QUE EMITA SU VOTO EN ESTA BOLETA, DEBE ENTREGARLA AL JUEZ DE LA ELECCION AL SALIR DE LA CASILLA DE VOTACION."</p>	
<p>CONSTITUTION BALLOT PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION</p> <p>Explanation of Amendment</p> <p>The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.</p>	
<p>BOLETA DE CONSTITUCION ENMIENDA PROPUESTA PARA LA CONSTITUCION DE ILLINOIS DE 1970</p> <p>Explicación de la Enmienda</p> <p>La enmienda propuesta le otorga autoridad al Estado para aumentar</p>	
<p>Write-in/Candidate Escrito</p> <p>FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR PARA SENADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS (Vote for ONE / Vote por UNO)</p> <p>Richard J. Durbin Democratic</p> <p>Mark C. Curran Jr. Republican</p> <p>Willie L. Wilson Willie Wilson Party</p> <p>David F. Black Green</p> <p>Danny Malouf Libertarian</p>	
<p>Write-in/Candidate Escrito</p> <p>CONGRESSIONAL / CONGRESIONAL</p> <p>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PARA REPRESENTANTE EN EL CONGRESO 8MO. DISTRITO DEL CONGRESO (Vote for ONE / Vote por UNO)</p> <p>Raja Krishnamoorthi Democratic</p> <p>No Candidate/No Candidato Republican</p> <p>Preston Gabriel Nelson Libertarian</p>	
<p>Write-in/Candidate Escrito</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE / REPRESENTATIVO</p> <p>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 77TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA GENERAL 77MO. DISTRITO REPRESENTATIVO (Vote for ONE / Vote por UNO)</p> <p>Kathleen Harris Democratic</p> <p>Anthony Airdo Republican</p>	
<p>Write-in/Candidate Escrito</p> <p>COUNTY / CONDADO</p>	

3 Steps For Supporting Your Clients' Right To Vote

1) Get the information and develop a plan

- Check! Information shared. Now it's time to develop a plan!

2) Register clients and co-workers to vote

- Familiarize self and staff with common registration scenarios and how to address them
- Assist with registration online or in-person

3) Get out the vote!

- Engage early and often
- Think through transportation needs



"The vote is precious. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it."

John Lewis

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDER OF COMMITMENTS

CoC Board Meeting Results

- The CoC Board oversees the CoC's strategic direction.
- Read minutes and attend meetings
 - On [All Chicago's website](#)
 - Or the [Chicago CoC Slack Channel](#)
- Decisions from the October 21 meeting include:
 - Passage of a chronic underspending Reallocation Policy (page 12 of the CoC Board Packet from 10/21)
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org.

CoC Membership Meeting

- The next All CoC Membership Meeting will be held virtually **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.**
- Everyone who will be attending is required to [register in advance of the meeting](#).
- During the meeting members will discuss the following voting items:
 - Revisions to the CoC Charter
 - Renewal of the Collaborative Applicant Memorandum of Understanding between the CoC Board and All Chicago
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org.

Rapid Rehousing Request for Applicants

- All Chicago is currently seeking applications for Rapid Rehousing provider partnerships as part of our EHI.

Applications are due today, October 23, by 5:00 pm

- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org.

Learn More about the EHI

- All Chicago hosted a webinar, [Going Deeper with the Expedited Housing Initiative](#)
- Case managers, supervisors, managers, and program directors involved in the following programs are encouraged to review the webinar:
 - Emergency Shelters
 - Drop-in Centers
 - Outreach Providers
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Housing System Navigators
 - Housing Liasons
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org.

HUD Racial Equity Demonstration

- The Chicago CoC has been invited to join the first cohort of communities in a HUD Racial Equity Demonstration to enact a system-wide equity assessment and prioritization process.
- The project kicked off last month with CoC and Coordinated Entry lead agencies meeting with technical assistance representatives.
- All Chicago and CSH are leading this effort for the city.
- More updates will be shared at the All CoC Meeting next week.

Announcements

- DFSS and CPS STLS are hosting an Early Learning Training on Friday, October 30 from 9:30am – 11:30pm
 - The presentation will be focus on supports families in shelter but is open to any provider supporting families who are experiencing homelessness.
 - Link to register: <https://forms.gle/LnQcp4Rh4vGxwias8>

Questions?

- Please make sure these **communications are circulated to all relevant staff** in your organization, so they have the latest information.
- The webinar slides and recording of this webinar will be available on the All Chicago [coronavirus resource page](#) on Monday.
- Please **keep DFSS informed** about any staffing shortages, changes in bed availability, and suspected or confirmed COVID cases, and issues/concerns via the DFSS-Homeless@cityofchicago.org email.
- For questions on the CoC or All Chicago please contact CoCprograms@allchicago.org

Share quick feedback!

- <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5976209/COVID-19-Webinar-10-22-20-Feedback>

THANK YOU!