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(COVID-19)

Situational Update

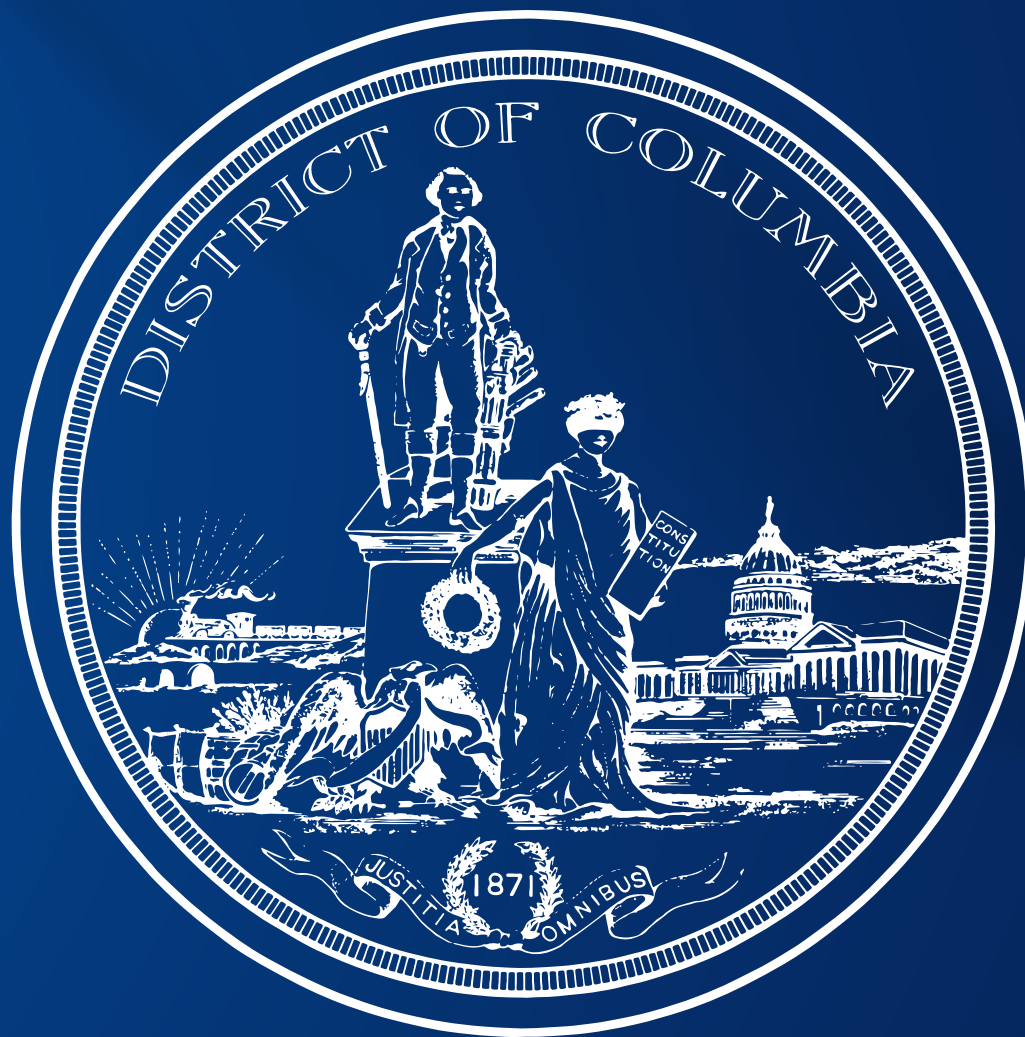
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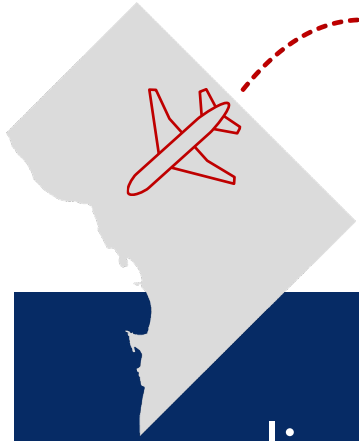
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WHERE WE ARE TODAY

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Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate		Rate of transmission		Test positivity rate		New cases from quarantined contacts	
	26.4 (Nov 28)	7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	0.91 (Nov 18)	Effective reproduction number (R(t))	3.9% (Nov 26)	Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	8.7% (Nov 26)	7-day average
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization		Percent COVID-19 patients		Mean test turnaround time		Diagnostic tests conducted	
	75.9% (Nov 28)	of available beds without surge	7.3% (Nov 28)	of daily hospital census, 7-day average	4.3 (Nov 28)	(days) 7-day average	8,421 (Nov 26)	7-day avg. per million pop.
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt		Close contacts with contact attempt					
	99.6% (Nov 27)	7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	98.0% (Nov 26)	7-day avg. attempt within 2 days				
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed		Positive cases who provide close contacts		Mean number close contacts provided		Exposure Notification Opt-in	
	74.6% (Nov 26)	7-day avg. completed within 3 days	42.8% (Nov 26)	7-day avg.	1.2 (Nov 26)	7-day avg. mean per positive case	421,852 (Nov 26)	cumulative # of smart phones opted-in to official exposure notification system



**Residents returning to DC from high-risk states*
or countries must either:**

limit their daily
activities and self-
monitor for 14 days

OR

limit their daily activities, get
tested 3 to 5 days after their
return, and then limit their
activities and self-monitor until
they receive a negative test result

*Travel to and from Maryland and Virginia is **exempt** from the travel advisory.

Due to inclement weather, the only testing sites open today are:

F Street

8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Nationals Park (GEICO Garage)

2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Pre-register at coronavirus.dc.gov/register

Residents are encouraged to get tested through their doctor.



HOUSING STABILIZATION GRANTS

As the pandemic continues, our rental assistance programs recognize the need to:



- **provide financial relief to tenants** unable to pay rent
- preserve the District's stock of affordable housing by **helping housing providers make their payments**

In November, the DC Department of Housing and Community Development sent a survey to housing providers of all sizes about the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on their businesses, tenants, and expectations for the future.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Of survey respondents with a mortgage, more than one-third (34%) said they had difficulty with their mortgage in October.
- Despite considerable efforts to promote emergency rental assistance, most housing providers were unaware of the myriad District protections and programs available to help tenants pay their rent, with no program being familiar to more than half of the respondents.
- Rental assistance for tenants affected by COVID-19 was the top policy proposal that housing providers suggested to DHCD as a response to the crisis. This is in keeping with the same top policy proposal response from affordable housing providers in our affordable housing provider survey this summer.

\$10 MILLION FOR GRANTS

to cover up to \$2,000 per month since April

The program will pay **80% of delinquent rent** if the housing provider waives the remaining 20% and any unpaid fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Housing providers of
properties in the DHCD
and HFA portfolios

and

Housing providers with 20 or
fewer total rental units that
are not in the city's portfolio

The units **must be currently occupied** and housing providers **must be registered** with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and have Clean Hands certification.

Applications open on Tuesday, December 1, close on Friday, December 11, and will be assessed on a rolling basis.

- **\$9 million** for the affordable housing portfolio
- **\$1 million** for small housing providers

Because the Housing Stabilization Grants are funded through the CARES Act, funds must be disbursed by December 31.

Learn more at coronavirus.dc.gov/rent

RENTAL ASSISTANCE: CURRENT PROGRAMS

Who is eligible for CHAP?

Household size	Monthly Income Limit
1 person	\$4,645.83
2 people	\$5,308.33
3 people	\$5,970.83
4 people	\$6,633.33
5 people	\$7,166.67
Find a full list of monthly income limits at coronavirus.dc.gov/rent	

To date, approximately \$500,000 in CHAP funding has been approved. To get more money out the door, beginning in January, housing providers will be able to apply directly for the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program.

CHAP is a **\$6.2 million** program funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant Program to provide rental assistance to low-income renters who are in arrears due to the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Renters can apply online via the Department of Human Services portal, or via three community CHAP providers:

Housing Counseling Services – (202) 667- 7339; chap@housingetc.org

Greater Washington Urban League – (202) 524-8175; covidrent@gwul.org

United Planning Organization – (202) 231-7910; housingservices@upo.org

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps low-income residents who are facing housing emergencies by providing funds to support:

- Overdue rent (at least 30 days), including late costs and court fees
- Security deposit and/or first month's rent for a new residence

Who is eligible for ERAP?

Household size	Monthly Income Limit
1 person	\$1,329.18
2 people	\$1,795.83
3 people	\$2,262.50
4 people	\$2,729.17
5 people	\$3,195.83
Find a full list of monthly income limits at coronavirus.dc.gov/rent	

Residents can apply and schedule an appointment with an ERAP provider specialist at dhs.dc.gov/ERAPapp, or apply by phone by calling a community ERAP provider:

Catholic Charities -
(202) 338-3100

Housing Counseling Services -
(202) 667-7006

Salvation Army (NW location) -
(202) 332-5000

Salvation Army (SE location) -
(202) 678-9701

Virginia William Family Resource Center -
(202) 312-5510

United Planning Organization -
(202) 562-3800

The Greater Washington Urban League -
(202) 265-8200

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