

Alternate Housing Workshop

Alternate Housing Team
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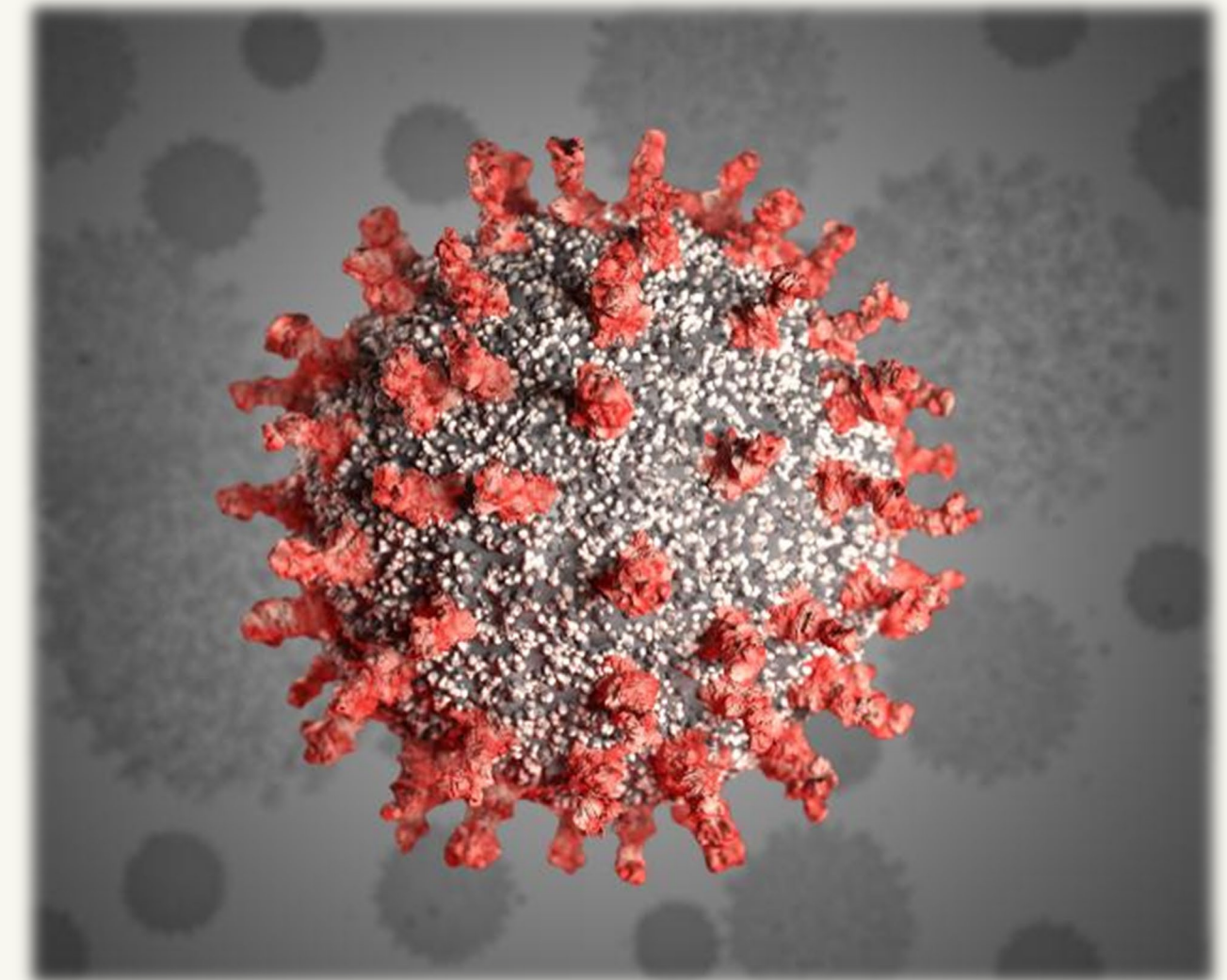
What is Alternate Housing?



Alternate Housing Background

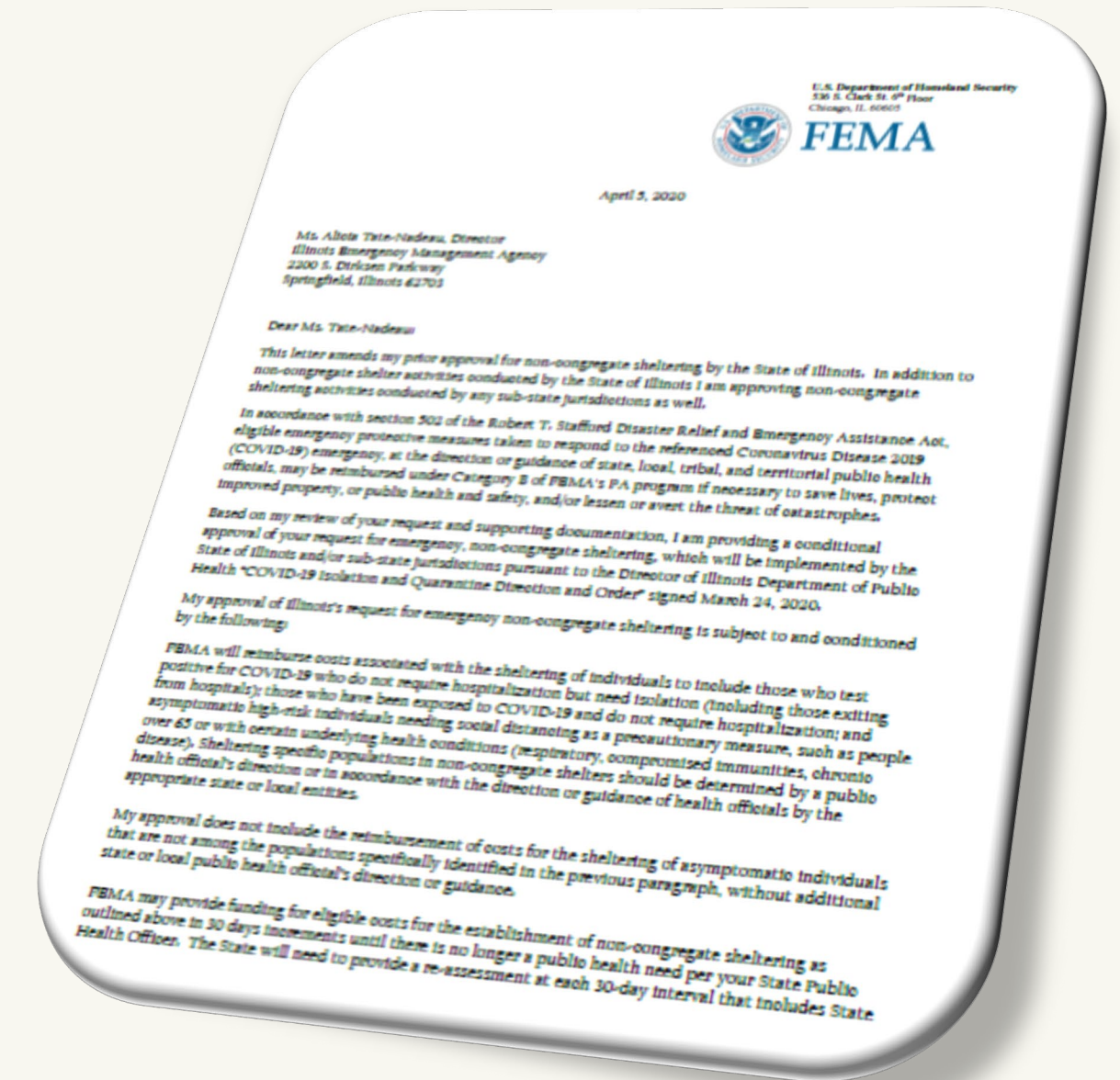
- To provide isolation / quarantine for:
 - COVID (+) Individuals not requiring hospitalization
 - COVID-exposed individuals
 - Asymptomatic high -risk populations
 - Others as determined by public health officials

- IDPH Sheltering Timelines (7 -14 days)
- 101 Counties with cases
- To date, 10 counties have forwarded requests



FEMA Reimbursable Categories

- COVID (+), COVID Exposed, High-risk individuals
- Others as determined by Public Health official
- Can't duplicate other federal funding
- Documentation required on costs per person, number of persons housed, length of stay and wraparound services provided
- If not provided already – need to report for reauthorization!



Alternate Housing Background

- March 9: State of Emergency
- Mid - March: County Housing Plans
- March 30: FEMA issued funding authorization
- April 10: Regional Housing Sites
- April 12: IDPH issued Public Health Order

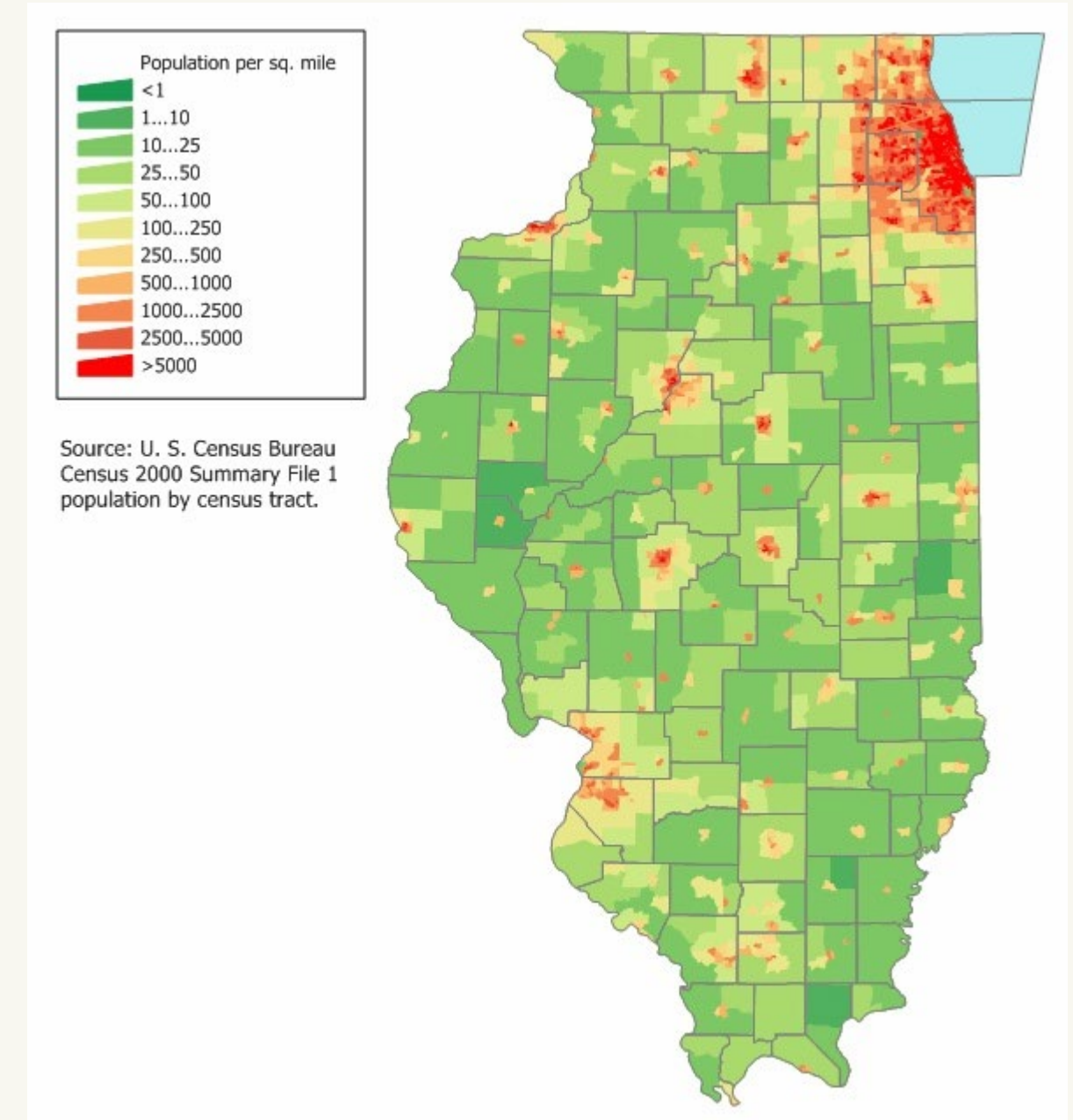


Lessons Learned

#1: Assessment of Potentially Impacted Populations

Recommended Steps:

- Planning basis should be tailored to County population
- Particular focus on congregate living and work locations
- Implement appropriate mitigation actions



Lessons Learned

#2: Early Engagement and Preparation of Stakeholders

Recommended Steps:

- Identify and engage stakeholders relating to potentially impacted populations (congregate shelters, long-term care facilities, mental health facilities, etc.), municipal and county stakeholders (EMA, LHD, EMS, fire, and police), and potential facility stakeholders (hotel/motel) municipality and elected officials
- Form a coalition or coordinated planning work group



Lessons Learned

#3: No “one -size fits all” Solution

- Wrap around services and costs vary widely by categories of persons served
- Extensive logistics required to house multiple populations
- Screening for medical needs, social services or other assisted living arrangements
 - Alternate Housing as designed does not address care; planning may need to integrate care coordination in order to ensure coverage for all



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Moving Forward

Building a sustainable, achievable alternate housing plan

Recommended Steps:

- Identify varying needs throughout community
- Revise Planning Basis for the Alternate Housing Plan
- Engage with local shelters, long term care facilities and congregate work settings
- Build Coalitions



Tools available: *Revised Planning Template, Intake and Screening Guidance*



Contacts available: *Local health departments, DHS representatives, Community Action Agencies, Area Agencies on Aging, and more!*



Available Resources

Identification and Coordination of Resources

- Funding
- Existing support programs and contacts
- Existing shelters / support services
- Housing Resources- rentals, cabins, RVs
- Technical Support



Available Resources

Examples of Facilities for Sheltering COVID+ Individuals

- Private Residence
- Local Unit of Government Owned Building
- Established Shelter
- College or School Spaces
- Houses of Worship
- Public Housing
- Rental Property
- Shopping Mall or Retail Center
- Sports Arena or Gym
- Theatre and Entertainment Venue
- Private Sector Office Building
- Hotel or Motel



Available Resources

Action Items:

- Identify potential housing sites. **Verify, Document, and Visit Site.**
- Connect with agencies with specific funding and resources available (DHS Office, Continuums of Care, Community Action Agencies, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other voluntary organizations)
- Collaborate with the State for technical assistance to develop local coalitions



Available Resources

IEEMA has identified the following resources:

- Revised Planning Template
- CDC COVID-19 Guidance Documents
- Red Cross sheltering resources & tools
- LHD Intake screening checklist, guest expectations, daily reporting forms, work-flows, etc.
- Website with Consolidated Guidance: <http://althousing.iema.illinois.gov>



Upcoming Events

The Alternate Housing Team will be hosting workshops:

- June 11 Workshop #1: Overview of Alternate Housing
- June 18 Workshop #2: A Coordinated Effort
- June 23 Workshop #3: Programs and Funding
- June 25 Workshop #4: Best Practice Sharing
- July 2 Workshop #5: Wrap Around Services & Planning for All



Questions?



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