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Here are some resources for cleaning and keeping shelters clean and safe for clients:

OSHA: Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19: <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

OSHA: Control and Prevention: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/controlprevention.html>

NYC Health Dept: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/guidance-for-homeless-shelters-covid19.pdf>

National Alliance to End Homelessness: <https://endhomelessness.org/coronavirus-and-homelessness/>

CDC: Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

At a facility that does house people overnight:

- Follow Interim Guidance for [US Institutions of Higher Education](#) on working with state and local health officials to isolate ill persons and provide temporary housing as needed.
- It is recommended to **close off areas used by the ill persons and wait as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection** to minimize potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. **Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.** If possible, wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfection.
- In areas where ill persons are being housed in isolation, follow [Interim Guidance for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection for U.S. Households with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019](#). This includes **focusing on cleaning and disinfecting common areas where staff/others providing services may come into contact with ill persons, but reducing cleaning and disinfection of bedrooms/bathrooms used by ill persons to as needed.**
- In areas where ill persons have visited or used, continue routine cleaning and disinfection as in this guidance.

CDC: Resources to Support People Experiencing Homelessness: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html>

HUD: Health Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers: <https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/health-preparedness-for-homeless-assistance-providers?e=fe744cd09c>

HUD: Infectious Disease Toolkit
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Infectious-Disease-Toolkit-for-CoCs-Preventing-and-Managing-the-Spread-of-Infectious-Disease-within-Shelters.pdf>

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