Information and Resource Updates from the Commission on HIV: Sustaining the HIV Movement Amidst the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (March 24, 2020)

*While **all Commission on HIV (COH) meetings are cancelled until further notice** and County facilities are closed to the public, staff are available to keep our important work of ending the HIV and STD epidemics moving forward. We appreciate your patience as we update our [website](#) and [HIV Connect](#) for information and resources. Thank you.*

Remember to read past bulletins on the Commission's dedicated [COVID-19 site](#).

1. **COVID-19 Information**

From our Federal and National Partners:
- [Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and Persons with HIV](#) is now available. The guidance, which was developed collectively by the HHS Antiretroviral and Opportunistic Infections Guidelines Panels, working groups of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council, is intended for health care providers and persons living with HIV in the United States.
- The [National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)](#) has developed a resource guide with virtual support groups to assist communities cope with anxiety and stress during these difficult times.

From the State of California (CA):
- The [State of CA](#) has a dedicated site for information and resources.
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program [(ADAP) Management Memo 2020-06: ADAP Contingency Plan for Novel Coronavirus (PDF)](#)

From Los Angeles County:
- For a full list of essential activities and businesses permitted to stay open, read the [L.A. County Health Officer's order](#).
- The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) has developed resources for [coping with stress](#) during public health emergencies.
- Here is a little inspiration about how you can [brighten the lives of others](#), especially older adults.

From our Community Partners:

- Access free virtual urgent care. Download the Virtual Care Anywhere app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or call 855-356-8053 and **use the coupon code COVID19.**

2. **Are you worried about sex and COVID-19?** Check out this guidance from the New York City Health Department.

3. **Get counted for the 2020 Census**: An accurate and complete 2020 Census count is vital to Los Angeles County. Census data is used to determine funding for programs and projects ranging from early childhood education to senior nutrition.

4. **Commission Work Continues**

- Public comments for Emergency Financial Assistance service standards. Please **email comments to HIVComm@lachiv.org by Thursday, April 2** and feel free to share widely. The draft standards is posted on the Commission website. For more information on Ryan White Standards of Care, visit Target HIV - Service Standards.
- Got time for training and personal development? The Planning Council Member's First Planning Cycle training is now available online.

5. **Spread Kindness During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Giving to Receive More**

- The Philanthropy California team vetted the list of COVID-19 response funds to help the most vulnerable communities.
- Countering COVID-19 Stigma and Racism: Tips for Parents and Caregivers

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