**COVID-19 Awareness Screening Tool Available in the HMIS**

There is now a screening tool for COVID-19 awareness available in AWARDS/HMIS to all programs to use for any client.  This screening tool (titled:  COVID-19 Awareness Screening) is intended to help programs manage activities related to client awareness, potential personal contact, and general symptom monitoring.

***\*Please note:  This is not intended to be a medical screening or diagnostic tool.****This tool is intended to assist programs manage activities related to your clients and the COVID-19 virus, it does not take the place of an actual medical diagnosis.  You are not required by any funding entity to use this screening tool.*

**To access the screening tool in AWARDS/HMIS:**

*Home* > Charts > Medical > Forms: COVID 19 Awareness Screening

If you have any questions, or can't locate the screening tool in AWARDS, please contact the HMIS Team at the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

**A Note About HMIS Data Quality During The Coronavirus Outbreak**

During these difficult times, the most vulnerable in our region continue to require housing and services and we greatly appreciate the hard work and courage of those at our provider agencies. Continuing to accurately reflect the active roster of your housing programs in our HMIS is as important now as it has ever been.  We know however that changes to normal program operations and staffing concerns may impact a program’s ability to keep up with the demands of timely HMIS data entry.

As we move forward, we ask that if you are having difficulty or are unable to keep up with your program’s new HMIS intakes and discharges, to please send us a note indicating that.

It’s important that we at the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, as the HMIS Lead and CoC Lead for Nassau and Suffolk counties, understand the state of our HMIS data quality so we can continue to use the data to make housing and intervention decisions with our clients.

**HMIS Trainings**

The HMIS team in conjunction with Foothold Technology held a remote training via Zoom on May 21, 2020. Foothold is working on implementing a new online learning platform for HMIS trainings and may have it available for our next training which is scheduled for June 22, 2020. Please contact Roxzelle Bannerman Martin or Wayne Scallon for more information.

**New ESG – CV Projects in HMIS**

We expect Covid-19 CARES Act funding for new ESG-CV projects to be distributed by HUD to grant recipients soon. The HMIS team at the Coalition will be ready to add all new programs to our HMIS when that occurs. If your agency will be receiving funding through the new ESG-CV program, please be prepared to work with the HMIS team to add new projects to the HMIS and identify your HMIS users needing access.