



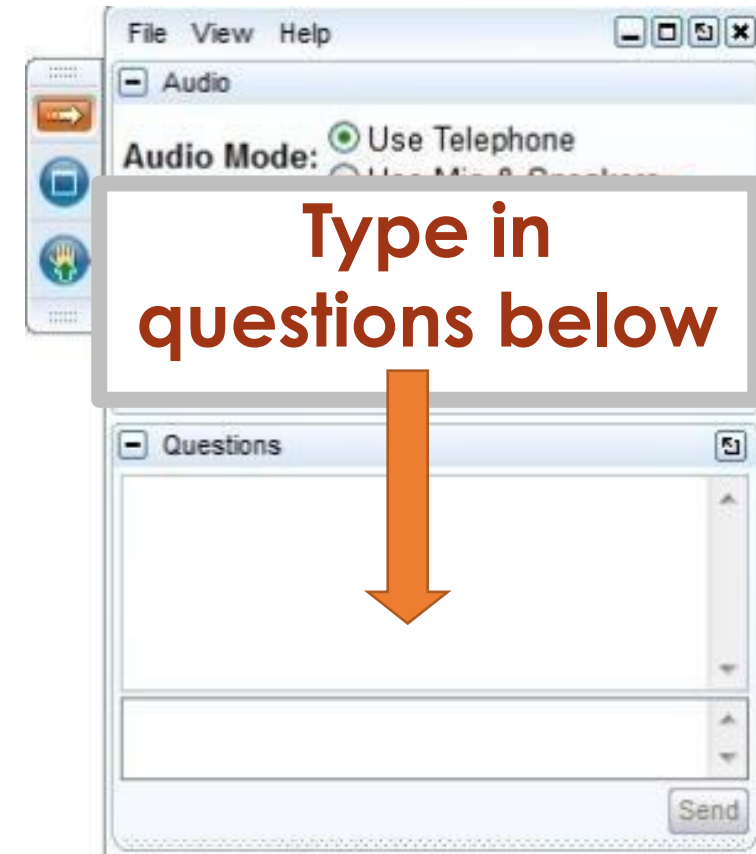
# CT HMIS Changes in Response to COVID-19

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

# House Keeping

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- Attendees are muted
- Please type any questions you have into the Questions Box
- We are recording this webinar and will send out the link to everyone who registered at a later date.



# Speakers

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# COVID-19 and Tracking Data

## Why collect this data?

### Immediate Benefits:

- Allow providers to quickly enter and view test results
- Shows alerts for positive or pending results
- Tracks symptoms and onset to manage need for isolation protocol
- Provides ability to manage isolation and quarantine locations
- Collaborate with local health districts for test results data

### Long-Term Benefits:

- Enable analysis of any disparities
- Centralize and facilitate client COVID-19 management
- Provide overview of how COVID-19 affected our community

# Data

## Overview

- COVID-19 data can be collected for clients with open enrollments in *any program* (ES, PSH, PATH, VI-SPDAT, etc.)
- The current clients in hotels have been imported into HMIS
- New clients or any changes to current clients entered on Smartsheets will be imported into HMIS at regular intervals until the hoteling is over
- Use HMIS to enter all COVID symptom and test data

## Use of Smartsheets

- Department of Housing (DOH) is requesting that users continue to update Smartsheets to indicate **exit dates and exit destinations** and any **new hotel clients** until the hoteling period is over
- If the client was already in a hotel as of 5/11, you will see their data in the COVID-19 program and can start entering symptom/test data

# HMIS Privacy and Security Standards

## The HMIS Privacy and Security Standards offer a basis for disclosure of COVID-19 status (§ 4.1.3)

### Threats to Health or Safety

A provider may share a participant's COVID-19 status under applicable law and standards of ethical conduct if: 1) the provider believes in good faith that the **disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of an individual or the public**; and 2) **the information is shared with a person reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat**. Note that the threat to health or safety can be a threat to any individual or the public in general. **Under current emergency circumstances, disclosing COVID-19 status to anyone offering services to a client meets this standard**. Disclosing information about other individuals possibly exposed to COVID-19 is also permissible under this authority to either the exposed individuals; to anyone who can offer health care, protection, or assistance to an exposed individual; or to anyone who can lessen the threat of COVID-19 to themselves, to others or to the public.

# Feedback

## We want your feedback

- Submit any suggestions for improvement to the Release Bin
- <https://www.cthmis.com/releasebin/>

### CTHMIS RELEASE BIN

VIEW ALL REQUESTS

For details on scoring and the process for each release bin request, see below.

- [Release Bin Score Sheet](#)
- [Release Bin Process Overview](#).

The Release Bin Subcommittee has been working through a backlog of requests while HMIS underwent the data standards and version upgrades. As such, Nutmeg will be working on enhancements by project type to most efficiently complete the approved changes and improvements to the system. As projects are completed, the list will be updated to reflect their status.

#### CURRENT RELEASE BIN REQUESTS

You must be logged in to view and add to the Release Bin

**Username**

**Password**

Auto-login on future visits

RELEASE BIN

Release Bin Menu

Submit a Request

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# Demonstration

Enrollment Summary
Enroll Client in Housing (Minimal)

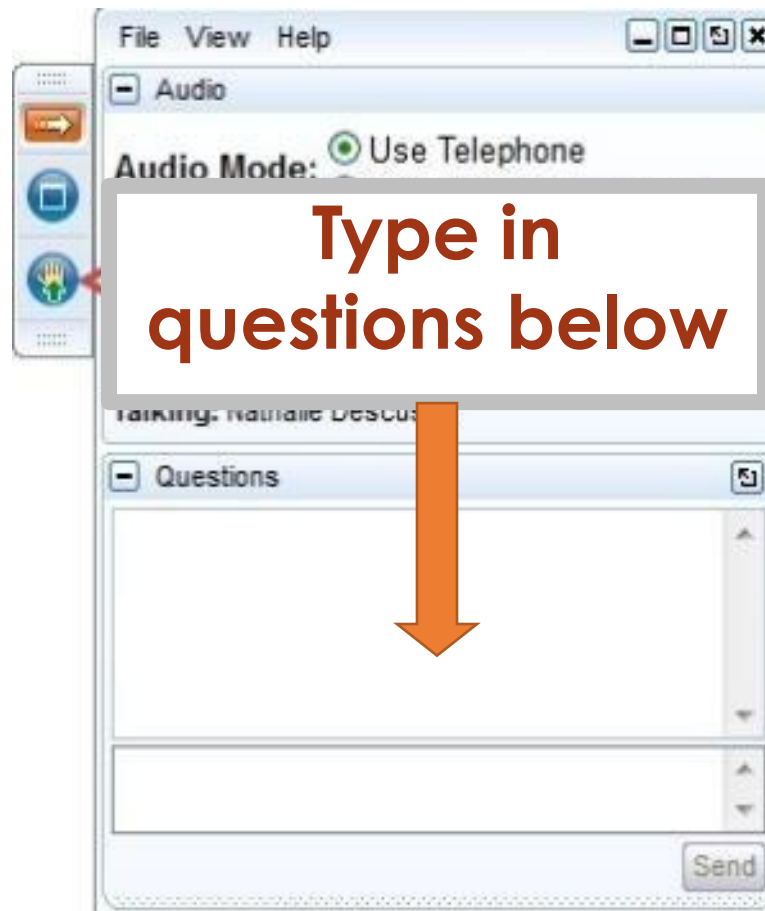
Filters

Open Enrollments for this organization only

| Testing Date                                  | COVID Testing Status | Testing Result Status | Testing Result Date |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5/8/2020  | Yes                  | Pending Result        | 5/1/2020            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/30/2020 | Yes                  | Negative Result       | 5/8/2020            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5/1/2020  | Yes                  | Positive Result       |                     |

| ClientID | First Name | Last Name  | Program Enrollments     | Enrollment Start | Housing Location                    | Isolate/Quarantine | Testing Result Date | Latest Testing Status | COVID PROGRAM Exit Enrollment                 | Client Info                 | Covid-19 Info                 | Housing                 | Case Notes                 |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 245043   | 211newtest | 211newtest | Covid Temporary Housing | 4/16/2020        | Best Western, Hartford              | No Action Needed   | 4/1/2020            | Negative Result       | <a href="#">COVID PROGRAM Exit Enrollment</a> | <a href="#">Client Info</a> | <a href="#">Covid-19 Info</a> | <a href="#">Housing</a> | <a href="#">Case Notes</a> |
| 242126   | 211TestWF  | 211TestWF  | 6.2 - Emergency Shelter | 4/21/2020        | American Best Value Inn, Torrington | No Action Needed   |                     | Not Tested            |   | <a href="#">Client Info</a> | <a href="#">Covid-19 Info</a> | <a href="#">Housing</a> | <a href="#">Case Notes</a> |

# Questions?



**Additional Questions and Training Needs?**

Contact [training@cceh.org](mailto:training@cceh.org)