



Infectious Disease Outbreak Policy

The Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care (MIBOSCO) is committed to ensure that vulnerable homeless populations are not placed at risk during times of infectious disease and illness outbreaks or pandemics.

Planning

All Local Planning Body Committees (LPB) within MIBOSCO should discuss plans for emergency responses including infectious diseases no less than annually.

When discussing, the LPBs should revisit the past pandemic and other outbreaks and ask the following questions:

- Are we better equipped to keep people safe now than we were in the last response?
- Have we lost any of the resources that helped keep people safe in the past?
- Do we have adequate space in existing resources, or abilities to expand as needed?
- Do we have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies on hand?
- Is our shelter space non-congregate?
- Is there adequate spacing in congregate settings?
- Is there easy access to hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer?
- Do we have partnerships with the Health Department that can provide participants access to immunizations (COVID, Annual Flu, TB, etc) and testing?

From these answers, the LPB should work to create a plan to address the issues.

Services

Services should be conducted in the manner to best keep all parties safe, this can include:

- Remote meeting options
- Outdoor or well ventilated meeting spaces
- Working from home for staff who are able
- Staggering in-office shifts
- Providing PPE in meetings