Homelessness & COVID-19.

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LGBTQ young people are 120% more likely to experience homelessness than non-LGBTQ youth.
1 in 4 LGBTQ Black men age 18-25 reported experiencing homelessness in the past year.
Black folks are almost 2 and a half times more likely to contract COVID-19 than their white counterparts.
COVID-19 & Mental Health.

Hearing about increased instances of domestic violence due to sexual orientation and gender identity.
COVID-19 & Rural Communities.

Rural communities are also less likely to have non-discrimination protections leaving LGBTQ folks no choice but to try to navigate a non-inclusive healthcare system.
COVID-19 & Economic Implications.

- LGBTQ folks and people of color are more likely to have lost employment during the pandemic.
- Homelessness is often a lagging indicator of recession so we won’t know for a while how this will impact rate of homelessness.
- We are anticipating that a year from now we will see significantly higher rates of homelessness.
COVID-19 Policy Implications.

Federal Policy:
- HUD Equal Access Rule
- HHS non-enforcement
- HHS 1557 final rule

State Level Policy:
- Non-discrimination at the state level, especially in rural areas.
- Age-related barriers to health care
Transformational Change
We’re challenging everyone to recommit to centering the most impacted in your work.

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Thank You.

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