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PH PROGRAM NEWS

REAC Issues Inspector Notice on COVID-19 Protocol

On September 29, HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center ([REAC](#)) issued [Inspector Notice 2020-01](#) to establish guidance for Uniform Physical Conditions Standards (UPCS) inspectors who conduct inspections during the COVID-19 pandemic. In brief, the notice lists the procedures that inspectors must follow pre-inspection, during the inspection period, and after the inspection, including the following topics, among others:

- Inquiring about COVID-19 cases on the property and what to do in the event that there are active cases
- Testing inspectors for COVID-19
- Submitting to temperature checks and maintaining social distancing guidelines
- The use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and safely disposing of PPE after the inspection
- REAC protocol when the property is located in a county experiencing an adverse change in public health conditions

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Posts Updated HCV Guidebook Chapter

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has posted an updated version of the [Rent Reasonableness](#) chapter to its [webpage](#) dedicated to the new working version of the Housing Choice Voucher Program Guidebook. The chapter, dated September 2020, contains changes to account for Notice [PIH 2020-19](#).

As you know, the new version of the guidebook is being released chapter-by-chapter as "living documents," and HUD is amending individual chapters as policies are refined. Chapters that have not yet been released are listed as "coming soon."

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Releases New Housing Market Reports

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has added several new reports to its [Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis](#) series. The reports cover the housing markets for the following:

- [Fresno](#), California (with additional info [here](#))
- [Tuscaloosa](#), Alabama (with additional info [here](#))

- [Pittsburg](#), Pennsylvania (with additional info [here](#))
- [San Jose–Sunnyvale–Santa Clara](#), California (with additional info [here](#))

You'll find links to previous reports in the series on [this page](#) and to additional data for certain housing markets on [this page](#).



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