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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Administrators

ATTENTION: Regional Recovery Division Directors

FROM: Melissa K. Forbes
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SUBJECT: Temporary extension of *FEMA Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Interim), Version 3*, FP 104-009-18

The purpose of this memorandum is to extend the current policy on non-congregate sheltering in non-COVID-19 incidents: *Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Interim), Version 3* ([FEMA Policy 104-009-18](#)). Through this extension, the policy will remain in effect through July 1, 2022.

The following caveats continue to apply from the previous [memo issued on November 30, 2021](#):

- FEMA continues suspension of the requirement in FEMA Policy 104-009-18, that applicants collect and report data to FEMA regarding the individuals and household being sheltered in Public Assistance supported NCS.
- Applicants are required to notify FEMA Headquarters through the appropriate Regional Administrator within five days of initiating NCS operations for a declared incident.

This extension and the interim FEMA Policy 104-009-18 do not apply to incidents declared solely for the COVID-19 public health emergency. Guidance for NCS in COVID-19 declarations is available at: [COVID-19 Noncongregate Sheltering FAQ \(fema.gov\)](#).

FEMA does not intend to make additional time extensions to this policy after July 1, 2022. Prior to expiration of FEMA Policy 104-009-18, however, FEMA will issue additional guidance on NCS processes moving forward.

If you have any questions related to the interim policy or the caveats addressed above, please contact Rachel Hildebrand, Acting Regulations and Policy Branch Chief, Public Assistance Division, at rachel.hildebrand@fema.dhs.gov.