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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Resolution 21-0005R – Update on Sanitizing City-Owned Buildings During the COVID-19 Pandemic		

DATE:

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

August 17, 2021

**Position: Favorable**

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) has been asked to respond to City Council Resolution 21-0005R introduced by Councilmembers Stokes, Glover, Middleton, Bullock, Cohen, and McCray.

**Background**

This Resolution calls for an informational hearing to discuss: an update from the Department of General Services (DGS) on how employees of DGS have been keeping City-owned buildings clean during the COVID-19 pandemic and post information about cleaning schedules in these buildings.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a shift in working routines and MOHS has participated with the rest of Baltimore City government in modifying the routines, schedules, and services in order to maintain the safety of staff, clients, and the public during the pandemic.

The offices of MOHS are at 7 East Redwood Street, a building owned by the City of Baltimore but managed by a private management firm, Cushaman and Wakefield. While MOHS is mostly working remotely, there are staff who do regularly report for work at 7 East Redwood. At all times in public spaces of the building and offices, employees are masked. In addition, schedules are managed such that social distancing is maintained within work spaces – for instance in offices that usually house two employees, those employees are not scheduled to be in the office on the same day at the same time.

Additionally, MOHS is finalizing the renovation and reconfiguration of space on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor to ensure that as City employees are called back to more fulltime work within the office, in accordance with the directives of the Mayor, City Administrator, and Department of Human Resources, the layout and spacing will meet the standards provided by the City.

MOHS funds one congregate shelter, Greenspring, which is in a DGS owned building. Through contracts administered by DGS, there are provisions for sanitizing and cleaning the spaces utilized as shelter for single adult males experiencing homelessness in cases of COVID-19 exposure. The contracted provider who runs the Greenspring shelter also provides cleaning and janitorial services, and will take over much of the rest of the janitorial and cleaning services provided by DGS as of the start of FY '22. DGS contracts will still be utilized for sanitizing if there is a COVID-19 exposure that warrants these services.

MOHS appreciates the services and guidance given by DGS on cleaning and operating buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic and would refer any specific questions about that work to DGS.

## **Conclusion**

The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services strongly supports the City's efforts to ensure that the spaces where City employees work and where MOHS in particular sees clients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services thanks the Health, Environment, & Technology Committee for the opportunity to respond to Council Resolution 21-0005R and stands ready to answer any questions the committee may have.**

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