

# Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

## Weekly Progress Report

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Welcome to the third weekly report highlighting progress and highlights of the COVID-19 Homeless Response Team’s work to implement the **Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan**. This report includes actions to date through Thursday, April 30th.

### Isolation/Quarantine Units for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

*As an emergency response to COVID-19, medically supported isolation care centers, and preventative quarantine care centers have been temporarily funded to provide safe places for people experiencing homelessness who are COVID+, symptomatic or otherwise highly vulnerable.*

Total Care Centers Open	Total since 4/8
# Preventative Quarantine Care Centers Operating # Rooms	2 motels 263 rooms
# Medically Supported Isolation Care Centers # trailers	1 site 59 trailers

Served in Trailers and Motels	Week between 4/24- 4/30	Total since 4/8
# Individuals served in Medically Supported Isolation Care Center (MICC-trailers)*	1 HH 1 individual	4 HH 4 individuals
# Individuals served in Preventative Quarantine Units (PQCC-motels)	112 HH 145 individuals	212 HH 270 individuals
<b>TOTAL Served**</b>	<b>113 HH 146 individuals</b>	<b>216 HH 274 individuals</b>

\* MICC-trailers are for COVID-19 positive or Persons Under Investigation, at this time the low number of people being served in the MICC-trailers is a reflection of the low number of COVID-19 positive cases in the homeless population. As testing capacity expands throughout the community, we anticipate additional referrals.

\*\*Total unduplicated served since 4/8/20 are: 213 households/271 individuals

- Per County Public Health, eligibility was broadened on April 27th to include all people experiencing homelessness age 55 or older (no pre-existing health conditions or symptoms needed to qualify), and people experiencing homelessness age 54 and under with pre-existing conditions.
- Designated referral partners who are referring into the program include hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs), outreach teams, correctional health, emergency shelters, law enforcement and other homeless service providers.

## Ensuring Safety and Health for Persons Living Outdoors

*This strategy is focused around providing coordinated support to people who are unsheltered to remain safely in place per CDC guidance to slow the spread of COVID-19.*

Sanitation Stations	Week between 4/24 – 4/30	Total since 4/8
Handwashing Stations	7	55
Toilets	7	47
Locations	5	35

*\*Placement of stations is dynamic and equipment may be moved*

Encampment Activities	Week between 4/24-4/30	Total since 4/8
# Meals served through Loaves and Fishes	1,000	3,400
# Meals served by Sacramento Covered	2,000	6,800

Encampments and Outreach	Total
# Designated Outreach Navigators	<b>37</b>
# Encampments Identified with 20+ individuals	<b>40</b>
# Encampments Identified with <20 individuals	<b>38</b>
TOTAL Encampments Identified	<b>78</b>

- An additional \$30,231 for 7 organizations was granted this week for a total of \$98,231 granted to 22 volunteer organizations with funding from Donate4Sacramento for meals, personal hygiene kits, sanitizer, sleeping bags, socks, backpacks, blankets, tents, showers, and other survival gear.
- Medical assistance has been provided to 16 encampment areas to date by volunteer medical students from UC Davis Medical School and California Northstate University, local health care providers and a Medical Integrated Health Unit. Access to COVID-19 testing is available to unsheltered people through the medical assistance being provided.
- A contract was entered into with Forensiclean to provide trash pick up at encampments.
- Servicing of sanitation stations is included with the deployment of the stations and will continue.

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## Keeping Existing Emergency Shelters Safe and Operational

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*This strategy ensures that existing shelters can safely remain open following CDC guidelines, moving vulnerable guests into COVID prevention care centers, and continuing to serve the general homeless populations.*

- COVID testing began at congregate shelters on Monday, April 27. To date, tests were offered to 319 people in 4 shelters, of those, 159 consented to testing.
- 108 test results have been received back from the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory and all found negative for COVID-19. There are 51 pending tests. Testing continues next week, and full testing information will be reported in the next report.
- Nurse Advice Line for shelter staff to access real-time, health services support available 7-days per week, 7 am to 7 pm.
- Held weekly calls with private and publicly funded shelters.

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## Access to Housing

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Strategies to improve access into permanent housing include:

- The team is working on other strategies to maximize housing placements as persons exit Isolation/Quarantine units, that can include increasing access to existing market units, new acquisition/rehabilitation projects.

In addition, housing efforts continue more broadly:

- Since April 8, 21 families have moved into permanent housing from the City's Pathways and the County's Flexible Supportive Housing Program with a Housing Choice Voucher.

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## Acknowledging Our Partners

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We wish to acknowledge all the public, private, and community partners whose efforts are helping keep people experiencing homelessness safe and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This week's featured partner is AlphaOne.

Transportation was possibly the most challenging service for the Response Team to procure. Without a reliable partner for this critical service, access to our interventions would be nearly impossible. AlphaOne Ambulance Medical Services Inc. was the only transportation provider who agreed to not only transport persons experiencing homelessness who have tested positive for COVID-19 but also vulnerable people from encampments including their possessions and pets. Thank you AlphaOne for answering our call for aid and providing outstanding and compassionate customer service to our community's most vulnerable members.