

# Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

## Weekly Progress Report

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Welcome to the report highlighting progress and highlights of the COVID-19 Homeless Response Team's response efforts as part of the **Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan**. This report includes **actions and information to date through mid- to late-May 2021**, with specific dates noted for each update provided.

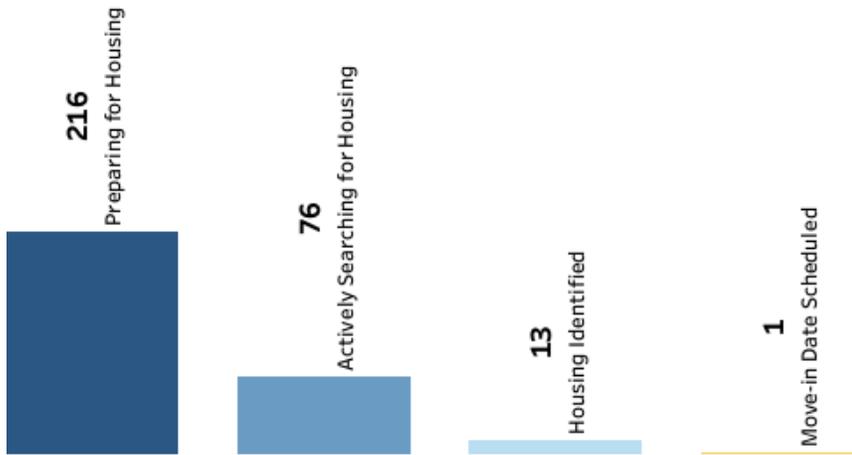
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### *Re-Housing*

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*Our COVID-19 response remains focused on permanent solutions as we work toward our ambitious goal of rapidly moving most households from the COVID-19 shelters into permanent housing with support for ongoing stability or with interim housing and shelters as an alternative when that is not possible.*

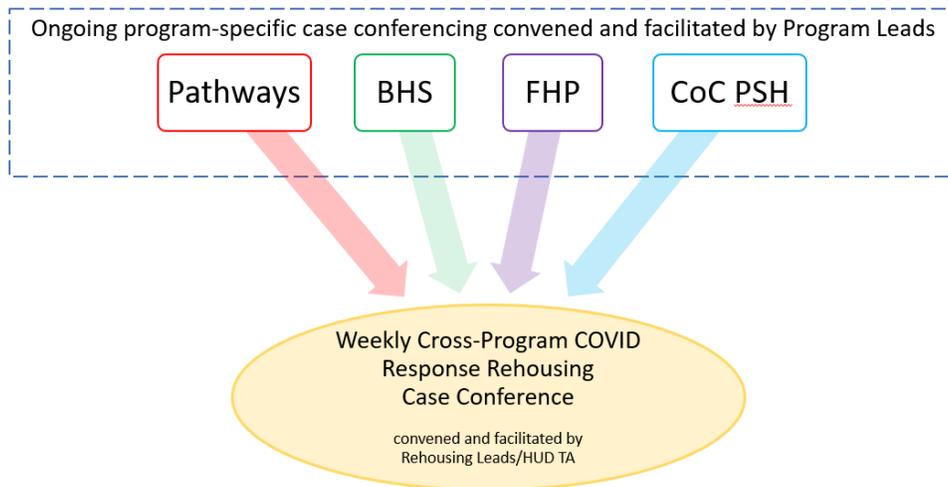
- **As of May 17, 2021, 271 total individuals have exited the COVID-19 shelters to stable housing** since the shelters opened in April 2020. An additional 222 have exited to temporary housing or shelter destinations such as emergency shelter or transitional housing programs.
- Shelter guests continue to work with re-housing programs or onsite navigators to identify and progress along pathways to permanent housing. **As of May 24, 2021, there are 306 individuals in the COVID-19 shelters.** Of those 306 individuals, **76 are actively searching for housing, 13 have identified housing, and 1 has a move-in date scheduled.**



*Note: "Preparing for Housing" includes critical steps such as collecting needed documentation or preparing other information necessary to establish eligibility for certain housing programs and resources or to increase the likelihood of successful applications for private market housing, among other things. Providers and navigators work directly with clients to support these activities.*

Support for re-housing providers working with clients in COVID-19 shelters continues to assist providers to accelerate and monitor progress toward housing, including ongoing, regular case conferencing by program and bi-weekly meetings of Program Leads and providers.

**We have recently launched a new weekly cross-program case conferencing to discuss priority clients and brainstorm solutions to persistent client-specific challenges.**



- Action-oriented discussions convened and facilitated by Rehousing Team Leads and a HUD technical assistance provider
- Primary Goals: Break barriers to housing progress and identify action steps to move someone to the next phase of the housing process
- Attendees include: Program Leads, COVID shelter on-site supervisor, case workers of rehousing clients prioritized for discussion, and outreach workers and navigators
- Clients are identified as high priority at program-specific case conferences and submitted ahead of time by case workers each week for discussion

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## Isolation/Quarantine

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*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.*

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8, 2020 through May 27, 2021 are as follows:

<p>Medically Supported Isolation Care Center</p>  <p>15 rooms available</p> <p>Total of 391 individuals/343 HH served thru 5/27/2021</p>	<p>Preventative Quarantine Care Center</p>  <p>357 rooms available</p> <p>Total of 1,407 individuals/1,161 HH served thru 5/27/2021</p>
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*\*Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,425.*

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## COVID Vaccines and Testing

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### Vaccine Planning and Distribution

*County Public Health is coordinating vaccine distribution for persons experiencing homelessness and is utilizing the Johnson and Johnson single-dose and the Moderna 2-dose vaccine for vaccination efforts for persons experiencing homelessness.*

**As of May 27, 2021, a total of 1,615 vaccination doses have been administered to people experiencing homelessness** by the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership:

- 1,271 Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses
- 344 Moderna vaccine doses

### Testing

*County Public Health in partnership with medical partners continue with robust COVID-19 testing at shelters, encampments and isolation/quarantine care centers with the goal of being able to do widespread testing to ensure the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness.*

- **As of Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, a total of 6,907 COVID-19 tests had been administered to people experiencing homelessness** at shelters, encampments, quarantine care centers, and Loaves and Fishes, **57 of which returned positive results and 6,850 of which returned negative results.** Testing has continued in March, April, and May and we anticipate having updated numbers to share in a future report.
- County Public Health will integrate antigen testing into 13 community testing sites and all Project Roomkey sites beginning the week of June 14th .

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### ***Ensuring Safety and Health for Persons Living Outdoors***

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*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.*

Since efforts began April 8th, County Department of Health Services (DHS) has installed 58 handwashing stations and 52 toilets in 40 locations; water has been regularly delivered to encampments throughout the County. Sanitation stations and water delivery will continue through June 2021. After June 30, jurisdictions may choose to continue services in their geographic area.