

Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Weekly Progress Report

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the bi-weekly 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**. Unless otherwise indicated, this report includes actions and information to date through Friday, January 1st.

Re-Housing

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. This effort continues to require unprecedented collaboration as we work to facilitate and support program placement and connection to re-housing providers as quickly as possible and to provide additional support to clients on their pathway to permanent housing.

To facilitate transparency and allow the Response Team to monitor progress toward our goal and identify potential barriers as quickly as possible, we have developed a data dashboard for the rehousing effort, which we will be sharing via these reports. The snapshot below contains re-housing data through January 6th, as well as information on where households are along the continuum toward permanent housing.

REHOUSING PROGRAMS

Supportive Services for Veterans

City’s Pathways to Health + Home

County’s Behavioral Health Rehousing Services

CoC’s Shelter Plus Care

County’s Flexible Housing Pool – existing program clients

County’s Flexible Housing Pool – expanded program

CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

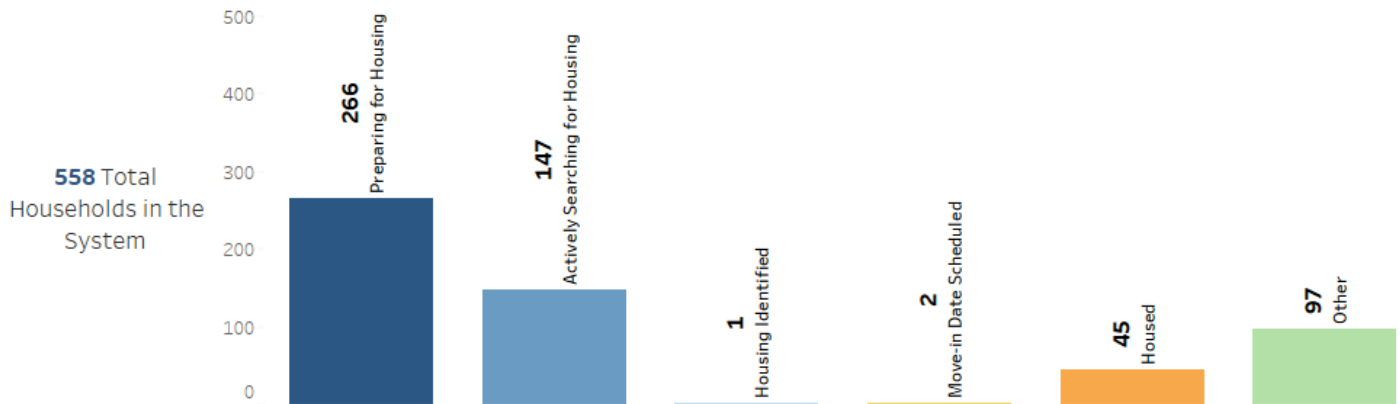
Households vs. Individuals
Households

GOAL: **75%** of the **558** eligible households are **permanently housed**.



Households Currently in Each Phase

Click a bar to view clients that fall within that data set.



“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.

“Other” indicates households who have exited to destinations other than permanent housing. This includes households who exited to unknown destinations or places not meant for human habitation, as well as institutional settings such as hospitals and treatment centers, but the majority of households in this category exited to emergency shelters with rehousing support.

Re-housing Assistance into Existing Permanent Housing

Shelter guests continue to work with re-housing programs or onsite navigators to identify and progress along pathways to permanent housing. Ongoing, regular case conferencing with re-housing providers continue, supporting providers to accelerate and monitor progress toward housing. Program leads and providers also convene on a bi-weekly basis to share progress and resources.



The COVID-19 Homeless Response Team greatly appreciates the significant efforts of each of the re-housing program leads and providers, as well as partners who have shared information about available resources and demonstrated commitment to collaboration in support of the re-housing effort.

Isolation/Quarantine

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.

Update since last report: The City and County are looking to extend the use of CalExpo trailers, which are currently funded to mid-January, through the end of February to continue to provide a safe place for people experiencing homelessness who are COVID+ to stay and receive medical supervision. The medically supported isolation units that opened in preparation for the trailers' initial closure date remain open and will continue to be. The referral process remains unchanged.

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8th through January 1st are as follows:

<p>Medically Supported Isolation Care Center</p>  <p>15 rooms & 28 trailers</p> <p>Total of 256 individuals/222 HH served thru 1/1</p>	<p>Preventative Quarantine Care Center</p>  <p>357 rooms</p> <p>Total of 1,207 individuals/982 HH served thru 1/1</p>
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**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20 are: 1,170.*

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.

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 March 2021.

COVID Testing

County Public Health in partnership with medical partners are completing 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. The numbers in the table below are cumulative through Friday, January 1, 2021.

Testing Locations	Lead Testing Partner*	# Tests Administered	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Tests
Shelters	Elica Health	838	12	826	0
Encampments	Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic	552	0	552	0
Isolation/Quarantine Care Centers	DHS Medical Staff	1,501	18	1,483	0
Loaves and Fishes	DHS Medical Staff	689	7	682	0
TOTAL TESTS		3,580	37	3,543	0

**Tests for specific testing locations may administered by lead testing partner or by another partner.*