

Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Weekly Progress Report

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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, February 12nd.

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 February 18th, 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

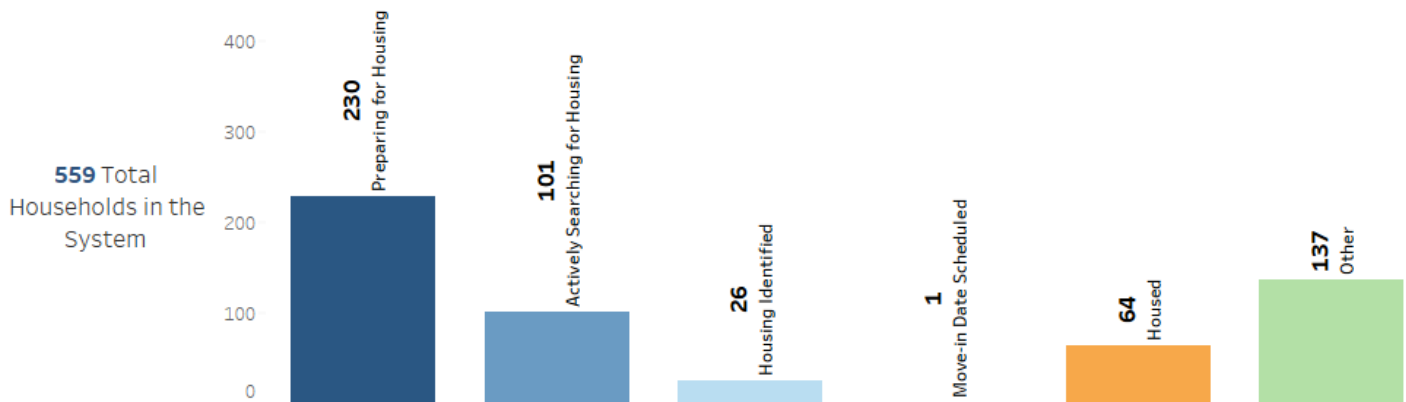
CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

GOAL: **75%** of the **559** eligible households are **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 convene on a bi-weekly basis to share progress and resources. Recent meetings have included presentations by Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) navigators

Jenny Jordan, Cheryl Coley, and Darrelle Weaver sharing rehousing tip and strategies for exploring and securing private market housing and by Peter Bell from SSF on getting clients ready to move into Permanent Supportive Housing through the Coordinated Entry system.

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.

Re-housing Partner Spotlight: County Flexible Housing Pool Program

To highlight partners providing critical work toward our overall re-housing effort, and to share information about community resources available throughout the community, we will be regularly spotlighting specific programs in these reports.



Department of Human Assistance
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The County Department of Human Assistance (DHA) Flexible Housing Pool Program (FHP) is a scalable re-housing program that provides financial assistance and case management services to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness in Sacramento. Using a variety of funding sources, the program has targeted assistance to frequent users of county systems, families, elderly, disabled, and individuals needing support. The program is funded through the Sacramento County General Fund, State, and Federal funding, with assistance and services ranging from Rapid Re-Housing to Permanent Supportive Housing.

The program began in March of 2018, initially targeting the top 250 most frequent users of county systems, then expanded to serve over 700 households as additional funding was identified. FHP has provided a wide range of support services and housing options from single site leased units to scattered site housing. Families and individuals have been connected to apartments, homes, shared living, and community housing with a “whatever it takes” approach to resolving homelessness for vulnerable persons within Sacramento County.

Through collaboration with Property Related Tenant Service and Intensive Case Management Service community based providers, the program has deepened capacity to

assist those needing connection to community-based and county programs aimed at permanent housing stability.

Three local providers assist with housing locating, rent, utilities, and property maintenance, while four local providers assist with case management services for health, home, life skills, and employment service plans. FHP is a part of a greater Sacramento County collaborative that originated from the County Homeless Initiatives and is County Initiative #4 [website](#).

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:

Medically supported isolation units

The City and County are evaluating FEMA funding and implications for continuing medical isolation trailer options beyond 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.

Preventative quarantine care centers

The City and County are also exploring and evaluating options for continuing to operate preventative quarantine care sites beyond the end of March.

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8th through February 12th are as follows:

Medically Supported Isolation Care Center



15 rooms & 28 trailers available

Total of 339 individuals/292 HH served
thru 2/12/2021

Preventative Quarantine Care Center



357 rooms available

Total of 1,257 individuals/1,027 HH
served thru 2/12/2021

**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,264.*

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, Feb. 5, 2021.

Testing Locations	Lead Testing Partner*	# Tests Administered	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Tests
Shelters	Elica Health	1,535	13	1,522	0
Encampments	Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic	698	0	698	0
Isolation/Quarantine Care Centers	DHS Medical Staff	2,199	21	2,178	0
Loaves and Fishes	DHS Medical Staff	1,103	15	1,088	0
TOTAL TESTS		5,535	49	5,486	0

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