

Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Weekly Progress Report

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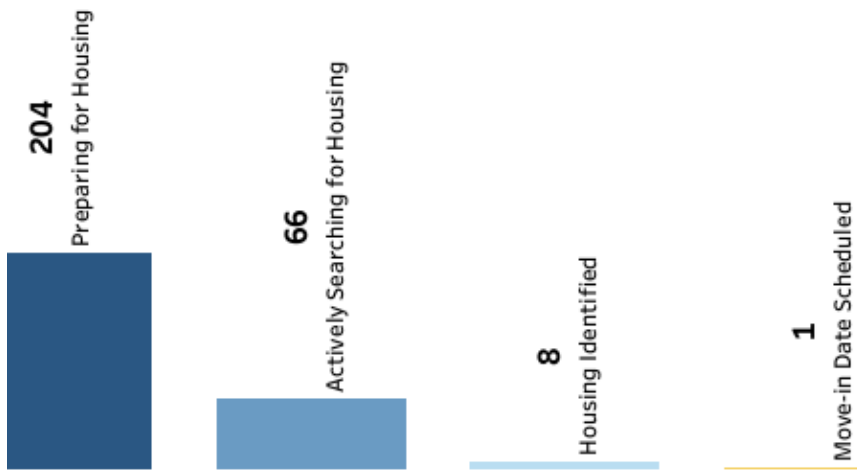
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Welcome to the report highlighting progress and highlights of the COVID-19 Homeless Response Team's response efforts as part of the **Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan**. This report includes **actions and information to date through mid-June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

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.

- **As of June 14, 2021, 315 total individuals have exited the COVID-19 shelters to stable housing** since the shelters opened in April 2020. An additional 226 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 June 18, 2021, there are 279 individuals in the COVID-19 shelter rehousing program.** Of those 292 individuals, **66 are actively searching for housing, 8 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.

In mid-June, the COVID-19 Homeless Response Team convened a meeting of Executive Leadership of the providers working with COVID shelter clients toward housing to discuss:

- Rehousing effort progress and remaining challenges
- Strategies for increased and improved progress monitoring and problem-solving
- Opportunities for increased collaboration and support for the individuals working with shelter guests to ensure as many positive exits from the shelters to housing as possible in the time remaining.

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.

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8, 2020 through June 14, 2021 are as follows:

Medically Supported Isolation Care Center



15 rooms

Total of 394 individuals/346 HH served
thru 6/14/2021

Preventative Quarantine Care Center



357 rooms

Total of 1,493 individuals/1,237 HH
served thru 6/14/2021

**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,504.*

COVID Vaccines and Testing

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 June 18, 2021, a total of 1,792 vaccination doses have been administered to people experiencing homelessness by the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership:

- 1,311 Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses
- 481 Moderna vaccine doses

Since March 19, 2021, the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership has held over 110 vaccination events of various sizes.

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, May, and June and we anticipate having updated numbers to share in a future report.

As of June 18, 2021, antigen testing (15-minute test result) has been incorporated into the intake process at preventative quarantine care centers to better serve guests. Ongoing testing continues at all three care centers.

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 June 2021. After June 30, jurisdictions may choose to continue services in their geographic area.