

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 late-November 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 November 29, 2021, 388 total individuals have exited the COVID-19 Project RoomKey shelters to stable housing** since they opened in April 2020. An additional 322 have exited to temporary housing or shelter destinations such as emergency shelter or transitional housing programs.
- 278 individuals remain in the preventative sheltering program as of November 29, 2021. Shelter guests continue to work with re-housing programs or onsite navigators to identify and progress along pathways to permanent housing. We will continue to fill vacancies through the winter months, as we also work to exit people to stable locations and eventually, ramp the program down.

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, as well as weekly cross-program case conferences and meetings of Program Leads and providers.

Over the past two months, the Rehousing Team has focused additional attention and resources on engaging and supporting shelter guests who have been in the COVID-19 shelters for over a year to exit to housing. Increased communication and engagement with both guests and their rehousing providers has included additional case conferences as well as tools to facilitate conversations around housing goals and opportunities, identifying housing options, and addressing challenges to finding, applying for, and securing housing.

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 three preventative quarantine care centers, which had previously been funded through the end of November 2021, will remain open beyond that date. The anticipated plan, absent a change in the pandemic, is to gradually ramp down the centers through the spring.

Total Individuals and Households Served

The total number of rooms currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8, 2020 **through November 29, 2021** are as follows:

<p>Medically Supported Isolation Care Center</p>  <p>15+ rooms</p> <p>Total of 626 individuals/543 HH served thru 11/29/2021</p>	<p>Preventative Quarantine Care Center</p>  <p>357 rooms</p> <p>Total of 1,610 individuals/1,336 HH served thru 11/29/2021</p>
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*+ Additional medical isolation rooms are available on an as-needed basis.
Total unduplicated served since 4/8/20: 1,807 individuals/1,491 households.

Length of Stay for Individuals Served in the Preventative Care Quarantine Centers

The **average length of stay** for individuals currently in the preventative care quarantine centers is 268 days, or about **9 months**. Of those 278 individuals in the centers as of November 29, 2021:

- 92% have been there for more than a month
- 88% have been there more than 3 months
- 59% have been there over 6 months
- 29% have been there over a year

The average length of stay for **all** individuals who have been served by the preventative care quarantine centers (including both people who have exited and people who remain) since they opened in April 2020 is 119 days, or approximately 6 months. Among those 1,807 total individuals:

- 55% had/have a length of stay of a month or longer
- 40% had/have a length of stay longer than 3 months
- 24% had/have a length of stay longer than 6 months
- 9% had/have a length of stay of more than a year

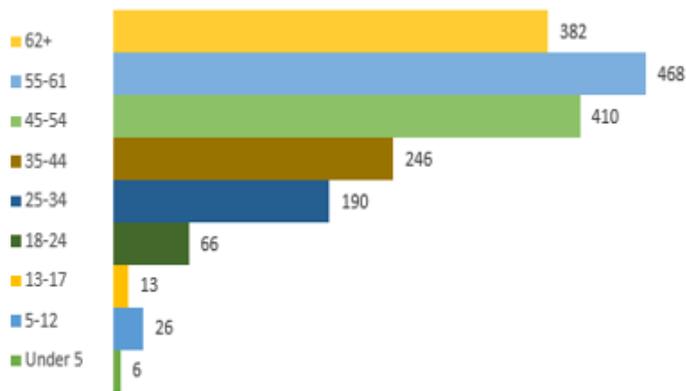
Length of stay information for all individuals served as of November 29, 2021, broken down by people who have exited and people who remain in the shelters, is as follows:

Length of Stay	Total Served	Individuals who:	
		have exited	are in shelters
30 days or less	811	788	23
31 to 60 days (1-2 months)	143	139	4
61 to 90 days (2-3 months)	120	113	7
91 to 180 days (3-6 months)	301	220	81
181 to 365 days (6 months-1 year)	266	184	82
366 to 730 days (1-2 years)	166	85	81
Total	1807	1529	278

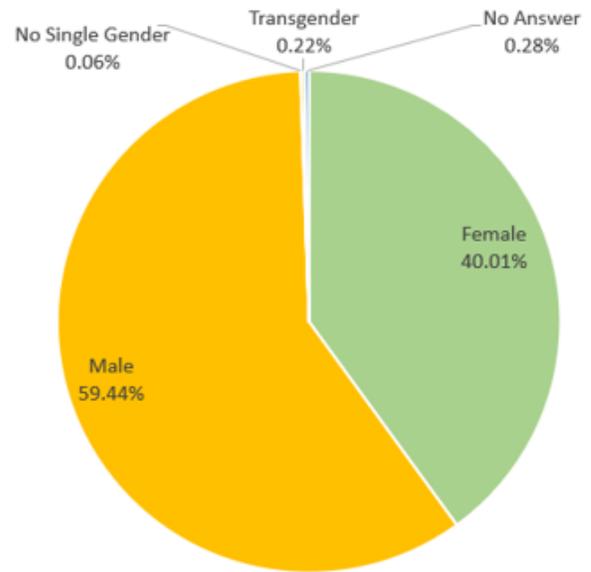
Demographics

The following is a demographic breakdown of the 1,807 people served by the COVID-19 shelter system (medical isolation and preventative quarantine) from April 8, 2020 through November 29, 2021.

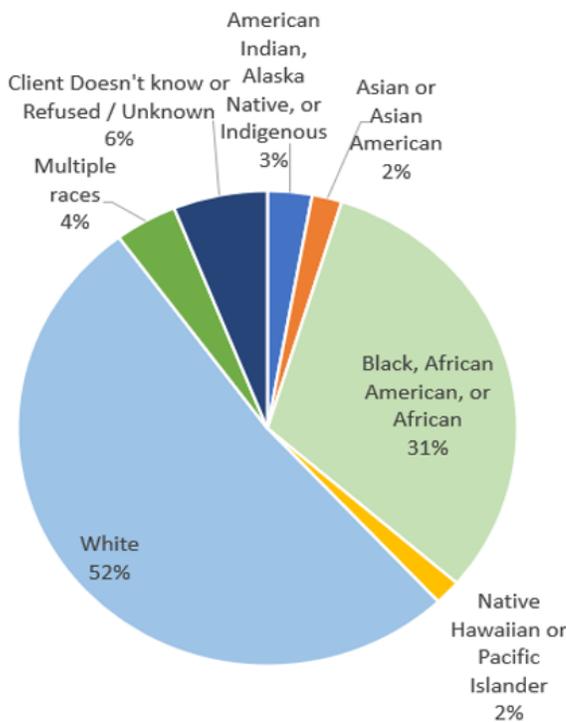
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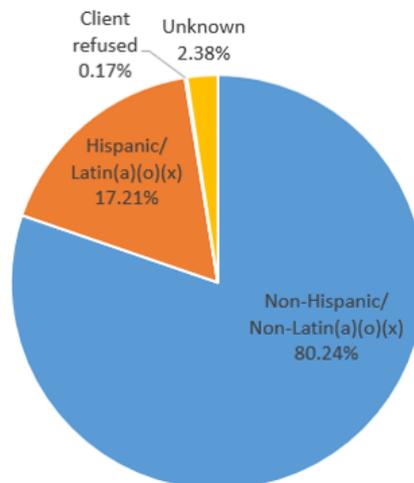
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COVID Vaccines and Testing

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 November 19, 2021, a total of 2,181 vaccination doses have been administered to people experiencing homelessness by the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership:

- 1,597 Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses
- 584 Moderna vaccine doses

Weekly vaccination events are being held at Loaves & Fishes (Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.) and Harm Reduction Services (Thursdays, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.) for initial and booster Johnson & Johnson and Moderna doses, as well as flu shots. Shelters or encampments interested in pop-up vaccination events should contact Gabrielle Ortiz at ortizg@saccounty.net.

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.

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.

In April 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to fund sanitation stations (toilet and sinks) at several dozen locations across the county to serve homeless encampments as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 40 stations, while dynamic in location, have been serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness since then.