

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, January 22nd.

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 25th, 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

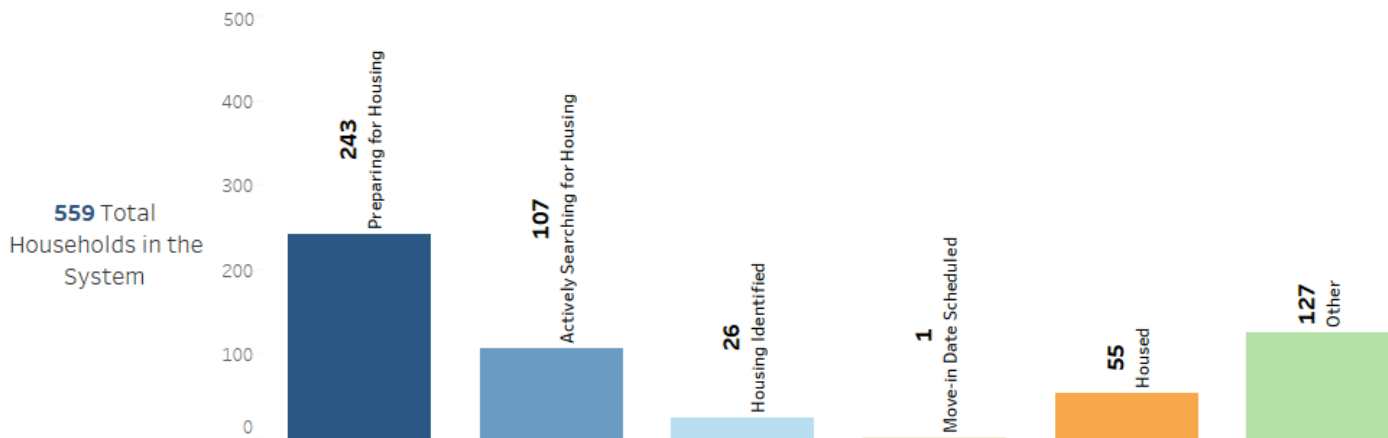
Although the rate of housing shelter guests has been slower than anticipated, we continue to work to identify and address the biggest barriers to more expedited rehousing. In addition to identifying and sharing strategies for improving client engagement and exploring creative housing options to better support those working to obtain housing for shelter guests, we are working to prepare a significant number of shelter guests for a variety of new housing options expected to become available in the coming weeks and months. We expect to see greater progress toward our rehousing goal as a result of these combined efforts.

CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

GOAL: **75%** of the **559** eligible households are **housed**.



Households Currently in Each Phase



“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 a presentation by Tina Wilton from SSF about Permanent Supportive Housing and documentation required to demonstrate eligibility, and a facilitated discussion by Niku Mohanty-Campbell from County CPS focused on identifying strategies to address the biggest challenges rehousing program staff are facing when working to engage with shelter guests to pursue and obtain housing options.

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:



Medically supported isolation units

The City and County have extended the use of CalExpo trailers 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.

Preventative quarantine care centers

One of the three remaining preventative quarantine care sites is scheduled to close February 15, and we have been working to identify and secure housing and other options to accommodate the guests exiting preventive quarantine units by that date. As a result of this concerted effort, we expect that no one will have to exit to the street as a result of this planned ramp down. Exiting guests will be entering housing, or, if needed, transferred to another preventative quarantine unit or to other emergency shelter in the community, the vast majority with continued rehousing support.

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8th through January 22nd are as follows:

<p>Medically Supported Isolation Care Center</p>  <p>15 rooms & 28 trailers available</p> <p>Total of 313 individuals/268 HH served thru 1/22</p>	<p>Preventative Quarantine Care Center</p>  <p>357 rooms available</p> <p>Total of 1,214 individuals/989 HH served thru 1/22</p>
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**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,243.*

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 22, 2021.

Testing Locations	Lead Testing Partner*	# Tests Administered	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Tests
Shelters	Elica Health	1,289	12	1,277	0
Encampments	Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic	648	0	648	0
Isolation/Quarantine Care Centers	DHS Medical Staff	1,891	18	1,873	0
Loaves and Fishes	DHS Medical Staff	911	10	901	0
TOTAL TESTS		4,739	40	4,699	0

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