

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**. Unless otherwise indicated, this report includes **actions and information to date through Monday, April 12th**.

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 April 12th**, 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

Note: The snapshot below includes those who have been in the COVID-19 Rehousing Program from September 1, 2020 onward. In addition to the 80 households (which comprise 93 individuals) who have been housed since that date, 81 individuals exited the COVID-19 shelters to housing during the period from April 2020 (when the shelters opened) through the end of August 2020. As of April 12th, 174 individuals in total have exited the COVID-19 Rehousing Program shelter sites to housing.

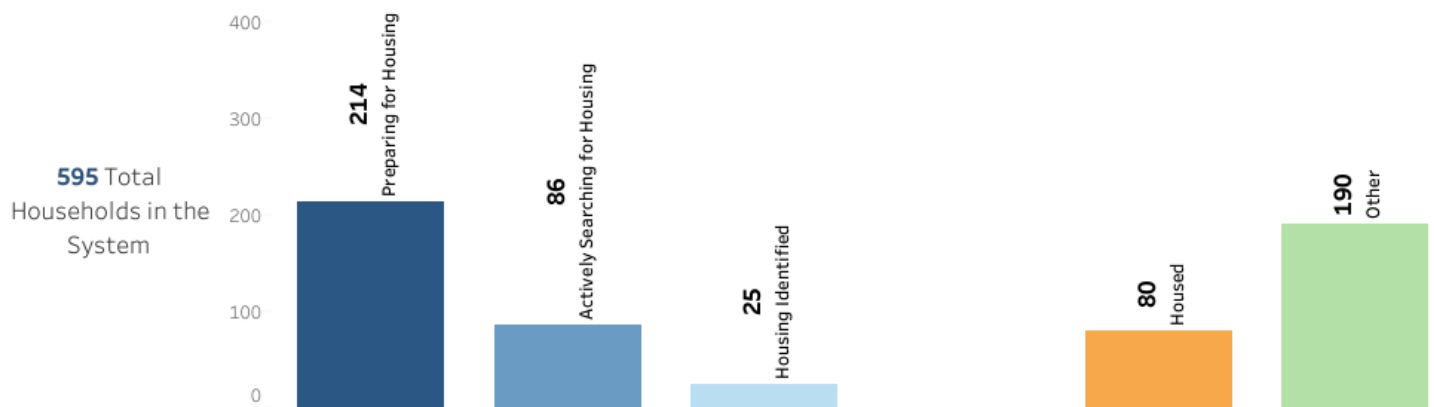
CURRENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

GOAL: **75%** of the **595** 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. Additionally, Program leads and providers 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.

Medically supported isolation units

Medically supported isolation units remain available at one of the COVID-19 shelters to provide a safe place for people experiencing homelessness who are COVID+ to stay and receive medical supervision.

Preventative quarantine care centers

The current plan for continued operation of preventative quarantine care sites contemplates a ramp down of units from the end of April through June 2021.

The total number of rooms available currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8, 2020 through April 9, 2021 are as follows:

Medically Supported Isolation Care Center



15 rooms

Total of 362 individuals/316 HH served
thru 4/9/2021

Preventative Quarantine Care Center



357 rooms

Total of 1,340 individuals/1,104 HH
served thru 4/9/2021

**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,356.*

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 vaccine for vaccination efforts for persons experiencing homelessness.

Public Health's vaccine distribution plan for people experiencing homelessness prioritizes both persons in shelter (including preventative quarantine motel sites) and unsheltered persons, including individuals connected to outreach staff via Sacramento Covered, Sacramento Steps Forward and Sacramento Self Help Housing (SSHH). The County is working with over 25 shelter partners to distribute vaccines at shelter sites on an ongoing basis, and, in partnership with SSF and partner volunteer organizations, has identified priority encampment areas that receive engagement and vaccine information from vaccine ambassadors prior to vaccine events.

As of April 12, 2021, a total of 1,122 people experiencing homelessness have been vaccinated by the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership: 449 shelter guests and 673 people who are unsheltered.

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. The numbers in the table below are cumulative through Friday, Feb. 26, 2021. Testing has continued in March and April and we anticipate having updated numbers to share in the next report.

Testing Locations	Lead Testing Partner*	# Tests Administered	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Tests
Shelters	Elica Health	1,913	17	1,896	0
Encampments	Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic	946	1	945	0
Quarantine Care Centers	DHS Medical Staff	2,706	24	2,682	0
Loaves and Fishes	DHS Medical Staff	1,342	15	1,327	0
TOTAL TESTS		6,907	57	6,850	0

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

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.