

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 mid- to late- September 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 September 20, 2021, 349 total individuals have exited the COVID-19 shelters to stable housing** since the shelters opened in April 2020. An additional 281 have exited to temporary housing or shelter destinations such as emergency shelter or transitional housing programs.
- 341 individuals remain in the preventative sheltering program as of September 27, 2021. Shelter guests continue to work with re-housing programs or onsite navigators to identify and progress along pathways to permanent housing.

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 bi-weekly cross-program case conferences and meetings of Program Leads and providers.

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 currently and the number of individuals/households served since April 8, 2020 **through September 27, 2021** are as follows:

<p>Medically Supported Isolation Care Center</p>  <p>15+ rooms</p> <p>Total of 569 individuals/494 HH served thru 9/27/2021</p>	<p>Preventative Quarantine Care Center</p>  <p>357 rooms</p> <p>Total of 1,571 individuals/1,304 HH served thru 9/27/2021</p>
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+ Additional medical isolation rooms are being made available on an as-needed basis.

**Total unduplicated individuals served since 4/8/20: 1,672.*

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 September 27, 2021, a total of 2,069 vaccination doses have been administered to people experiencing homelessness by the Public Health Department Vaccination Partnership:

- 1,511 Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses
- 558 Moderna vaccine doses

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.