

Sacramento Homelessness COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

Weekly Progress Report

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Welcome to the second weekly report highlighting progress and highlights of the COVID-19 Homeless Response Team’s work to implement the **Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan**. This report includes actions to date through Thursday, April 23th.

Isolation/Quarantine Units for People Experiencing Homelessness

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.

Total Preventative Quarantine Care Centers Open

# Preventative Quarantine Care Centers Operating	2 motels
# Rooms	263 rooms

Served in Trailers and Motels	Week between 4/18- 4/23	Total since 4/8
# Households/Individuals served in Medically Supported Isolation Care Center (MICC-trailers)*	1 HH 1 individual	3 HH 3 individuals
#Households/Individuals served in Preventative Quarantine Units (PQCC-motels)	68 HH 85 individuals	100 HH 125 individuals
TOTAL Served*	69 HH 86 individuals	103 HH 128 individuals

** MICC-trailers are for COVID-19 positive or Persons Under Investigation, at this time the low number of people being served in the MICC-trailers is a reflection of the low number of COVID-19 positive cases in the homeless population. As testing capacity expands throughout the community, we anticipate additional referrals.*

**Total unduplicated served since 4/8/20 are: 100 households/125 individuals*

- Second PQCC-motel opened this week adding 150 rooms
- Designated referral partners who are referring into the program include hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs), outreach teams, correctional health, emergency shelters, and law enforcement.

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.

Sanitation Stations	Total since 4/8
Handwashing Stations	48
Toilets	40
Locations	30

**Placement of stations is dynamic and equipment may be moved*

Encampment Activities	Week between 4/18-4/23	Total since 4/8
# Meals served through Loaves and Fishes	1,000	2,400
# Meals served by Sacramento Covered	2,000	4,800

Encampments and Outreach	Total
# Designated Outreach Navigators	39
# Encampments Identified with 20+ individuals	40
# Encampments Identified with <20 individuals	37
TOTAL Encampments Identified	77

- Encampment locations throughout Sacramento County have been surveyed except for three areas. Targeted information-gathering for the three remaining zones is expected to be completed by the next reporting period.
- Medical assistance has been provided to eight encampment areas to date by volunteer medical students.

Keeping Existing Emergency Shelters Safe and Operational

This strategy ensures that existing shelters can safely remain open following CDC guidelines, moving vulnerable guests into COVID prevention care centers, and continuing to serve the general homeless populations.

- Nurse Advice Line for shelter staff to access real-time, health services support available 7-days per week, 7 am to 7 pm.
 - Distributed supplies of masks, gloves, and sanitation products to 5 shelters.
 - Surveyed and continued to assist six emergency shelters to follow CDC guidance.
 - Held weekly calls with private and publicly funded shelters.
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Access to Housing

Strategies to improve access into permanent housing for clients include:

- Since April 8, 17 families have moved into permanent housing from the City's Pathways and the County's Flexible Supportive Housing Program with a Housing Choice Voucher
 - The team is also working on other strategies to maximize housing placements as persons exit Isolation/Quarantine units, that can include increasing access to existing market units, new acquisition/rehabilitation projects.
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Acknowledging Our Partners

We wish to acknowledge all the public, private, and community partners whose efforts are helping keep people experiencing homelessness safe and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This week's featured partner is the COVID-19 Medical Assistance and Supply Team (CMAST).

When we think of the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, the steps of a trailer parked at CalExpo is not likely the image that immediately comes to mind but it is where you will find the majority of the staff that are the COVID-19 Medical Assistance and Supply Team (CMAST). CMAST supports all of the health service needs of our Response Team strategies. This 12-person, dedicated team consists of Registered Nurses, Medical Assistant and support staff, who provide: procurement of high-demand medical supplies and personal protective equipment; telehealth advice, triage and mobile medical care coordination for homeless service partners; and the critical onsite medical care for persons experiencing homelessness who have tested positive for COVID-19. Thank you for your caring compassion, CMAST!