

Webinar Summary COVID-19 Collaborative Response Third Weekly Virtual Meeting March 30, 2020 Hosted by All Chicago

Weekly Virtual Meeting Purpose: To convene homeless service providers to discuss how All Chicago can partner with agencies during the COVID-19 response; to get information from providers about struggles and questions; and to provide a high-level summary of the guidance we've received thus far from various sources.

Webinar Take-Aways

- Coordinated Entry Standardized Housing Assessments
 - Skilled Assessors will resume new housing assessments by phone beginning April 1, 2020. Direct clients to phone assessments, no client should report to a physical location.
 - Clients are welcome to call the CE Call center at 312-361-1707 Mon-Fri from 8:30am 4pm.
- Chicago COVID-19 Homeless System Emergency Fund
 - All Chicago has announced an unrestricted and flexible emergency fund to support homeless service agencies in response to COVID-19.
 - o Funding will be received electronically. Applications will have multiple rounds.
 - o Round 1 applications are due: Friday, April 3rd at 5pm. <u>Click Here</u> to learn more about the COVID-19 Emergency Fund.
- Chicago Shelter Updates
 - o 311 referrals for shelter have reopened. New referrals will be routed to new temporary shelter facilities. Do not send clients to hospitals/police stations.
 - o CDPH is providing shelters with a medical consultant by phone. Each shelter will receive a number to call to determine client placement in a shelter or healthcare system.
 - o DFSS released guidance for shelters: **COVID-19: Guidance for Homeless Shelters**
 - o *A Call for Shelter Volunteers:* The City urgently needs human service volunteers to help staff shelter facilities. If interested, please visit the Chicago CoC slack channel for details.
- Chicago Area Updates
 - o **Hotel Isolation Room Protocol:** Clients are only able to get referrals to hotel isolation sites through their hospital or medical provider.
 - Advocacy: The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless is preparing to ask the state to dedicate at least 40 million dollars for additional isolation housing, shelter decompression, and homeless prevention. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.
 - Census: Counts have been pushed back a month for site-based and non-sheltered locations.
 Click Here for more information.
- All Chicago Updates
 - All Chicago partnered with the local HUD office to release <u>Interim Recordkeeping</u> <u>Standard Operation Guidance</u> and <u>Interim Guidance on Housing Inspections</u>.
 - o *New! Peer Sharing Webinar:* Tune on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. To register <u>Click Here.</u>