

Key Points & Takeaways

- **The City collaborated with an infectious disease specialist to record a webinar** for shelters that covers public health guidance.
- The City is collaborating with Lawndale Christian Health Center and a hotel **to screen and place high risk individuals into hotel rooms to protect people who might otherwise need hospitalization** if they contracted COVID-19. Lawndale Christian is contacting shelters using prioritization criteria. Shelters should work with DFSS to identify individuals who meet high risk criteria.
- Through a partnership with UI Health and Rush University, the city is able to access **500-600 tests per week dedicated to the homeless population**. They are starting with largest congregate settings. If they're positive they ensure they are isolated within the shelter or find isolation housing in another setting.
- The city has developed a **medical history form** to identify medical conditions, allergies, and medications. The purpose is to aid the city to place people in the most appropriate locations.
- CDPH recommends congregate living facilities implement a **universal-masking policy**. Ensure you keep your mouth and nose covered. Sanitize your hands prior to removing your mask.
- **Nurses have been deployed to visit the shelters**. The nurse outreach model provides in-person guidance for infection control, including how to set up the shelter. Shelters are asked to provide them with a list of high risk individuals. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are being phased out.
- The City opened another temporary shelter at the Salvation Army Kroc Center on 4/12 which will provide 200 beds for **single women and families**.
- Help DFSS improve connections to shelter by reporting any issues with 311 via the DFSS-homeless@cityofchicago.org email. If someone has regular phone access and there is a long wait time, they will be **called back** when their turn comes up in line.
- DFSS started enhancing outreach to the **CTA** this week.
- There is an **expedited procedure for outreach teams** to contact Catholic Charities for shelter placements.



- The **CoC Board passed a policy** on April 15 to help expedite placements into housing. The intent is to house people more quickly than ever before and make sure we're housing the most vulnerable. System adjustments (such as Coordinated Entry prioritization and centralized landlord engagement) and provider adjustments (such as applying for HUD waivers and reducing internal barriers to housing) are needed. More information will be shared about this in the weeks to come.
- HUD published an **expedited grant amendment process** for CoC programs.
- Every month All Chicago conducts a **data match between HMIS and Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)** data. Last week an error was identified in the data match that All Chicago is working to fix. Email helpdesk@allchicago.org if you need to flag any additional problems.