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COVID-19 Update

Homeless Services Division & Continuum of Care

Presented by All Chicago, DFSS and CDPH

Connecting our Partners with Information to Stay Healthy
Due to the volume of participants, everyone has been placed on mute.

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Agenda

- Share a progress report from CDPH and DFSS on the City's COVID-19 response for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Update on the CoC and CoC Implementation Structure (Action Agenda) from All Chicago
- Request for input on webinar structure oriented toward recovery
- Reminder of commitments and discussion of next steps
COVID Response for the homeless population

1. Decompression of shelters to allow for appropriate social distancing
2. Enhanced outreach and installation of portable washrooms and hand-washing stations for unsheltered individuals
3. Distribution of PPE and supplies
4. Mobilization of medical support for shelters and outreach workers
5. Shielding of clients at high-risk of complication from COVID
6. Investigation of reported COVID cases and targeted testing
7. Connection of COVID+ individuals experiencing homelessness to quarantine and isolation facilities
8. Maximization of financial resources for agencies responding to COVID
9. Creation of tailored and distilled guidance for homeless services providers
10. Communication between City, CoC, providers and cross-provider communication
There are 48,725 cases of COVID-19 and 2,313 deaths among Chicago residents as of June 10, 2020. This is an increase of 140 cases and 7 deaths since yesterday.
Key Metrics for Moving to Phase 3

As of June 10, 2020, there have been 268,544 tests performed. The 7-day average is 3,723 tests per day, with a percent positivity of 8.8%.

Average daily COVID-19 testing
Number of tests performed and percentage of tests that were positive averaged over 7 days.

Monitoring Rates of COVID-19 in Shelters
Our data show that, on average, the percent of people who test positive for COVID-19 (the “percent positivity rate”) within shelter programs is decreasing from week to week. This means we are likely seeing a slower rate of spread within shelters and preventing large outbreaks of COVID-19. For the past four weeks, Chicago’s percent positivity rate in shelters with at least one reported case has been below 15%.
Preparing Shelters for Phase 3

Three Public Health Priorities Moving Forward:

(1) Reducing Spread of COVID-19 in Shelters

(2) Minimizing Risk of COVID-19 Introductions from Residents and Staff

(3) Mitigating the Severity of COVID-19 in Individuals
General Health Recommendations for Shelters

Recap of recommendations presented on 6/5

(1) **Reinforce Current Infection Control Practices**
- Physical distancing; hand washing; regular cleaning; face coverings; resident and staff screening; isolation of symptomatic individuals
- Most crucial means to preventing spread of COVID-10

(2) **Adopt a Cohort Model**
- Organize residents into smaller groups as feasible
- Social distancing within cohort; limited contact between cohorts

(3) **Early Detection and Prevention**
- Expect new infections -- screening, social distancing, infection control practices are best defense
- Testing useful, but not end all be all (diagnostic tests and outbreak response testing most useful)

(4) **Focus on High-Risk Individuals**
Recap: Testing Strategy in Shelters

- Partnership with Rush, UI Health, and others to organize testing and provide support
  - Standard Test: Efficient for widespread testing; more sensitive to virus; results in 48hrs
- LCHC conducting rapid testing
  - Best for those currently symptomatic; less efficient for widespread testing; results in 15min
- Response to outbreaks in congregate settings
  - Clients and Staff– symptomatic and asymptomatic – tested in settings with active outbreaks
  - COVID+ individuals transferred to isolation
  - Personalized, case-by-case guidance to congregate setting
  - Nurse will review results with shelter; as needed, will provide referrals to isolation and provide shelter with infection control
  - Nurse will educate staff to provide future referrals
  - CDPH will provide results to DFSS and designated shelter representative w/i one business day of results being reported
- More testing occurring at encampments
- Exploring potential ways to build in-house testing capacity at shelters

Reminder: All clusters (2+ cases) reportable to CDPH via [www.chicagohan.org/covid-19](http://www.chicagohan.org/covid-19)
WHERE YOU CAN GET TESTED

All City of Chicago testing sites are open Monday–Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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COVID-19 Testing Sites in Chicago

Here are additional locations where you can get tested for COVID-19. This is not a comprehensive list. Locations are continuously being added as information is provided.

For additional information, see the Illinois Department of Public Health list of testing sites.
Self-Care Resources

- City partnership with Ten Percent Happier to launch Windy City Wellness
- Tools for all Chicagoans - regardless of age or ability - to engage in their own well-being through relaxation, mindfulness and meditation
- Curated collection of talks, guided mindfulness activities and sleep supports from a diverse set of wellness experts
Mental Health Resources

Questions?
The City and partners are currently operating four temporary shelters to allow for the decompression of the shelter system and to address emerging needs.

- DFSS is working with service providers and facility partners to plan for the next phase of our alternate site footprint.
- The temporary shelter serving youth was able to transition back to existing facilities at social distancing levels.

Through a coordinated effort between shelters, CDPH, Lawndale Christian Health Center, and DFSS, approximately 170 clients at high-risk for complications from COVID-19 have been relocated from congregate shelters to individual hotel rooms for shielding.
Tailored Guidance for Shelters

- Over the past two weeks DFSS and CDPH hosted a series of focus groups with shelter providers to reflect on existing guidance and talk through concerns and additional strategies around reopening.

- DFSS and CDPH hosted a conversation last Friday to support shelters as they accommodate people experiencing homelessness during reopening, including four shelter providers sharing the creative solutions their agencies have implemented to reduce the spread of COVID 19.
Enhanced Outreach

- CDPH, medical partners, DFSS, and outreach teams piloted testing in encampments in coordination with ongoing outreach
  - Initial testing event focused on two encampments and found no positive cases of COVID-19
  - In advance of the event outreach teams discussed upcoming testing with encampment residents
  - Testing will continue – additional locations planned for Monday 6/15

- Continued city-wide canvassing and outreach, including on the CTA
  - Screening for COVID-19 symptoms and risk factors
  - Providing face masks, hand sanitizer, water and food (as need and available)
  - Expedited procedure for outreach teams to connect clients to shelter through Catholic Charities
  - Maintaining hand-washing stations and Porta-Potties
You are invited to provide input on the Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan.

This Substantial Amendment allocates CARES Act funding, projects, and priorities in response to COVID-19 at the following amounts:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - $46.7M
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - $23.7M
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - $1.5M

The Substantial Amendment was released on June 10th.

Virtual public hearing - Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:00am

Comments can be submitted to grantsupport@cityofchicago.org and will be accepted through June 15, 2020.
CoC Implementation Structure (Action Agenda)

For more info or to join a line of action, visit https://allchicago.org/continuum-of-care/the-coc-work-structure/
The Coordinated Entry System Leadership Team adopted a Temporary Prioritization Plan.

HMIS has been implemented in expanded shelter and shield hotel sites. An HMIS Evaluation Committee will evaluate All Chicago’s performance as HMIS lead.

The CoC Board is holding its next board meeting virtually on June 17. Find materials and register to listen in on All Chicago’s website.

The System Funding workgroup submitted recommendations for allocating CARES Act funding, including $17.7 million for rapid rehousing, $2.6 million for homeless prevention and $18.9 million for rental assistance. Will be looking to make recommendations for the additional $30 million allocated to Chicago.
CoC Implementation Structure (Action Agenda) Updates

Karisma Wilson is the new **Communications** lead and will schedule a CoC Communications Committee meeting soon.

**Focus Groups** and **Survey** coming soon to get feedback on Action Agenda priorities, processes and how we work together as a CoC moving forward.
The **Expedited Housing Initiative** is an initiative to help all housing programs in the CoC housing people more quickly than ever before.

One of the new programs to help expeditee housing placements is the **Accelerated Moving Events** coordinated by All Chicago in conjunction with CSH, our Housing Navigator and Rapid Rehousing partners.

Accelerated Moving Events are starting at **Hotel 166 this week**, a COVID-19 shielding site for people at high risk due to COVID-19.

People are moving into **“bridge” units with case management services** funded through government sources typically used for rapid rehousing.

The City has funded **additional community-based mental health support** for people leaving Hotel 166.
Accelerated Moving Event Process

Pre-Accelerated Moving Event Activities
- Identify Cohort
- Housing Documentation
- HMIS Data Entry

Accelerated Moving Event Activities
- Accelerated Moving Event Orientation
- Virtual Unit Viewing and Selection
- Housing Application & Background Check
- Furniture Selection & Delivery Schedule
- Assessment for Income Intervention

Post-Accelerated Moving Event Activities
- Unit Approval and Lease Signing
- Coordinate Utilities
- Confirm Furniture Delivery
- Move-In
- Handoff to Case Manager
As part of the Expedited Housing Initiative, the CoC created an Accountability Plan for permanent housing providers. This information can be used as part of CoC funding priorities in the future.

All Chicago and CSH are tracking more closely than ever before each issue that is slowing down a housing placement, and troubleshooting live in the moment to help expedite housing placements.

Anticipate growing the Accelerated Moving Events significantly starting later in the summer, including increasing Rapid Rehousing and Housing System Navigation capacity within the CoC.
Questions?
We want to hear from you!

As we transition to COVID-19 recovery and reopening, we would like to make space on these webinars for providers to share how they are trying creative solutions, implementing public health guidance, and planning for recovery. These COVID-19 webinars could include both:

- Updates from DFSS, CDPH, and All Chicago on COVID-19 response and recovery relevant to homeless services providers
- Presentations from peer providers on topics related to recovery and reopening

Would hearing from peers on these webinars be helpful for you?
Do you have any other suggestions?
We want to hear from you!

What are you interested in sharing? What do you want to hear about?

*Examples:*

Virtual case management best practices

Talking to clients about continuing to follow COVID-19 public health guidance during reopening

Working with workforce partners during recovery
Questions for the Audience

What is the right frequency for the Friday All Chicago & DFSS webinars?
- Weekly
- Every two weeks
- Other

All Chicago hosts peer-sharing webinars for housing providers on Thursday afternoons. These focus on practices, resources, and technical assistance.
- Continue/same
- Continue but change focus
- Discontinue
- Combine with the Friday webinar
Reminder of commitments and discussion of next steps

- DFSS, CDPH, and All Chicago will continue these joint webinars. Presentations will be posted on the All Chicago Slack Channel.

- Please make sure that these communications are circulated to all relevant staff in your organization, so they have the latest information.

- Please keep DFSS informed about any staffing shortages, changes in bed availability, and suspected or confirmed COVID cases, and issues/concerns via the DFSS-Homeless@cityofchicago.org email.
Today’s Webinar on Slack

- The webinar summary, slides, and recording of this webinar will be available on the Chicago CoC Slack Channel within 2 business days.
- The materials are posted to the #webinar-summaries channel.
- If you haven’t yet joined Slack, visit bit.ly/ChicagoCoC.