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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

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Agenda

- Share updates on this **webinar's format** and **schedule**
- COVID-19 current status update
- **CDPH** – Shelter testing
- **DFSS** - COVID-19 response update
- EHI Update
- CoC **Announcements** and Reminder of **Commitments**

Webinar Schedule

- The peer sharing webinars have transitioned to a workgroup and we are continuing with a **monthly format for the joint webinars**
- If you are interested in participating in the peer sharing workgroup please contact [Torelen Winbush](mailto:twinbush@allchicago.org) at twinbush@allchicago.org
- For updates on the next monthly joint webinar make sure you register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3043654203873786891>

COVID-19 Chicago CoC Webi

This webinar meets 5 times.

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CDT

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COVID-19 STATUS AND RESPONSE UPDATES

CDPH Supports for Shelters

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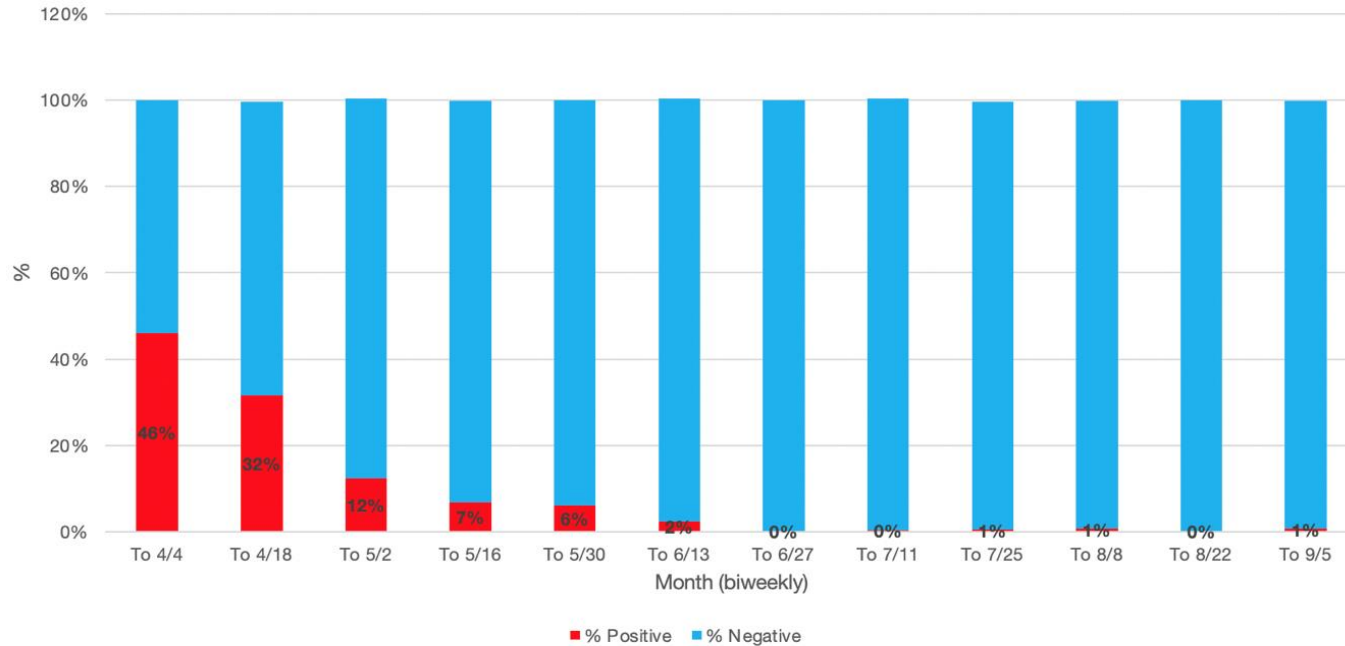


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Rates of Positivity of COVID-19 in Shelters

For the past 20 weeks, Chicago's percent positivity rate in shelters with at least one reported case has been well below 15%.

Percent positivity across Chicago shelters by two-week period (2020)



■ % Positive ■ % Negative

Testing Strategies and reminders

- Housing Providers: CDPH does **NOT** routinely require or recommend COVID testing or a 14-day quarantine for new intake into the shelter system
- Reminder for staff members: Please stay home if they are sick.
 - Do not come to work and get tested by your healthcare provider or at a City-run testing site
- If a shelter has a PPS scheduled due to a known case(s), group activities and external programming should be **temporarily suspended** until PPS results are complete and known to be negative
- CDPH priority groups for testing:
 - Individuals with symptoms (even mild)
 - Individuals with known or suspected exposure to someone with COVID, regardless of symptoms

Early detection, isolation, and reporting for people with COVID-19

- Screen residents for [symptoms](#) and check for a temperature regularly, ideally daily or every time they enter the facility but at least 2-3 times per week.
 - Please use the [COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#)
- If anyone has new symptoms but does not need hospital care, isolate them and notify the LCHC mobile testing unit by calling 630-341-6240 at any time.
- If your resident has a fever, new onset cough or shortness of breath and tests negative by rapid test, a confirmatory test may be needed and the individual should stay isolated until results are back.
- Individuals with confirmed COVID-19 should be referred to the City's Support Isolation Facilities (details on referral available [here](#)).
- Report any known cases of COVID-19 through the [COVID-19 Case Report Form](#) or by emailing cassandra.jenkins@cityofchicago.org

Reminders for Housing Providers and Shelters

- Housing Providers should be following CDPH [Guidance for Commercial Buildings](#) in their offices and [Guidance for Residential Buildings](#) in client homes.
- Shelter Providers:
 - Prevent spread among staff and residents by properly wearing masks, and practicing good hand and environmental hygiene
 - Establish smaller resident social groups for sleeping, eating and other activities. Keep these groups separate from each other.
 - Practice physical distancing by rotating access to common areas to smaller groups, and keep beds 6ft apart or add physical barriers between them
- Shelter Providers: Please make sure all shelter staff is aware of the latest [CDPH shelter guidance](#)
- Influenza vaccination among staff and residents can help reduce spread of respiratory illness in winter months and may limit additional COVID morbidity/mortality in the event of multiple infections in shelters

DFSS Continues to Support a Decompressed Shelter System

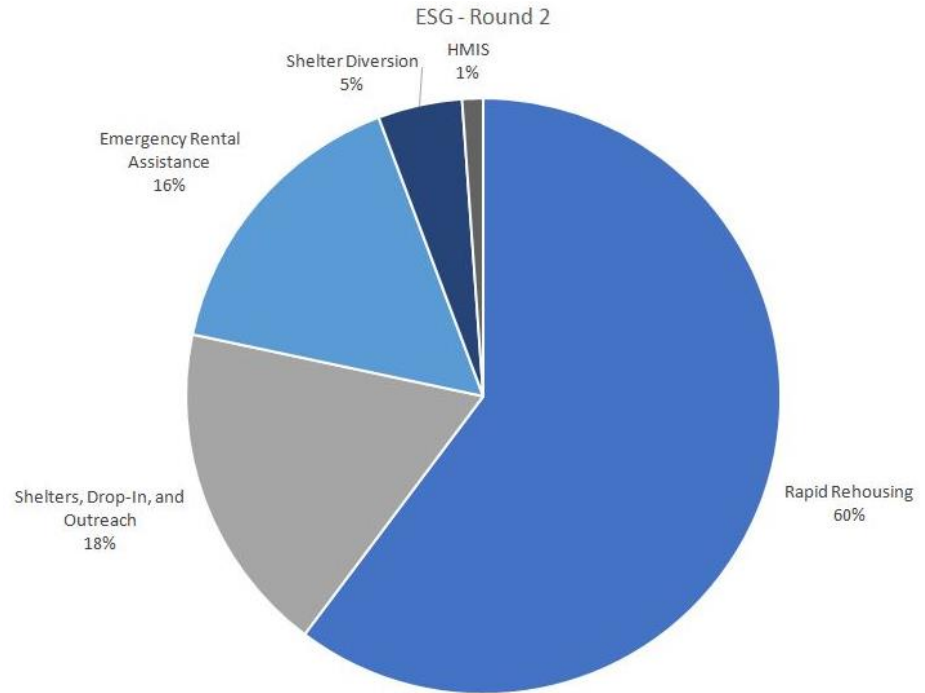
- Shelters will continue to operate at reduced bed capacity to allow for social distancing.
 - The City and partners have consolidated alternate bed capacity at two City-leased facilities – Calumet High School and Young Women's Leadership Academy – to allow for the decompression of the shelter system for single men, single women, and families through March 2021, in line with CDPH guidance.
- Overnight shelters serving adults will continue to operate 24/7.
- DFSS is in conversation with CDPH, shelter providers, and healthcare partners to plan for managing COVID in shelters as we head into winter.
 - Ensuring shelter residents have access to flu shots
 - Opportunities for facility improvements, e.g. installation of between-bed dividers or sneeze guards
 - Best practices for keeping clients engaged inside during cold weather

DFSS Led Comprehensive Outreach Response

- In coordination with CDPH, the DFSS mobile unit with Heartland Alliance Health medical services is offering COVID testing at encampment sites across the city on a recurring basis. For larger encampments, COVID testing coordinated with additional outreach partners, UI Health, and Rush University.
- Continued city-wide canvassing and outreach, including on the CTA
 - Screening for COVID-19 symptoms/risk factors and providing face masks, hand sanitizer, water and food
 - Expedited procedure for outreach teams to connect clients to shelter through Catholic Charities
 - Maintaining hand-washing stations and Porta-Potties
 - Outreach during day and overnight hours
- DFSS is in conversation with CDPH, drop-in and outreach providers, and other City departments to plan for daytime and overnight warming spaces as we head into winter.

DFSS CARES Act – ESG Round 2

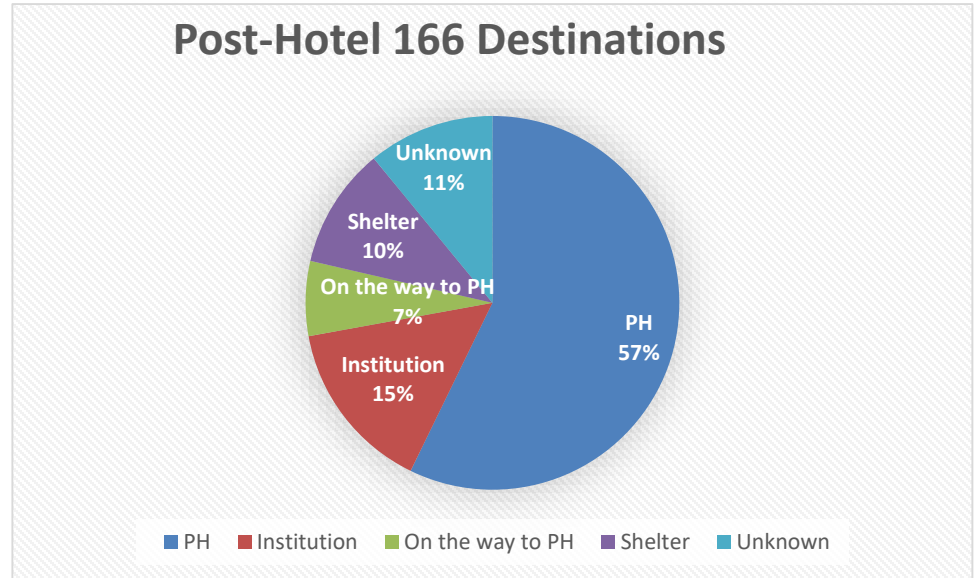
	DFSS CARES Act ESG - Round 2
Rapid Rehousing	\$18,378,553
Shelters, Drop-In, and Outreach	\$5,500,000
Emergency Rental Assistance	\$4,860,000
Shelter Diversion	\$1,400,000
HMIS	\$350,000
Total	\$30,488,553



EXPEDITED HOUSING INITIATIVE (EHI) UPDATES

Hotel 166 Update

- Hotel 166 was utilized to shield homeless individuals at high risk of COVID-19 by CDPH and DFSS
- Lawndale Christian Health Center provided onsite care and services
- All Chicago conducted 3 Accelerated Moving Events at Hotel 166 starting on June 9, 2020
- Last guests left on September 3, 2020



** This data may change – analysis is still being conducted

Hotel 166 – Thank you!!



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Expedited Housing Initiative Goals

House 1,250 in 9-12 months

Leverage ESG CARES Act Funding

Reduce time to housing from 80 to 30 days or less

Adopt lessons learned from Expedited Housing Initiative for post-COVID-19 housing process

Support Barrier Reduction to Getting People Housed

Expedited Housing Initiative Components

Chicago Rents: Centralized Landlord O&E	Accelerated Moving Events	Connections to Housing and Services	System and Provider Accountability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landlord risk mitigation and hold fees• Frontloaded housing activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hyper-Focused Move-Weeks• Virtual Unit Viewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment and Income Assistance• Short- and Long-term Housing and Housing Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accountability Plans• Data and Reports• Evaluation

Chicago Rents

- A new initiative led by All Chicago to **recruit and support landlord partners** in renting their units to households experiencing homelessness
- Supports the **Expediting Housing Initiative** in housing 1,250 households in 12 months
- Developed with the help of the Systemwide Landlord Engagement Workgroup (SLEW) and other partners

Chicago Rents Process

- **Engagement & Unit Identification:** Chicago Rents staff reaches out to landlord about listing their units for potential tenants, also explaining program
- **Vetting:** A virtual inspection is completed, and necessary documentation is collected
- **Viewing and Terms:** Potential tenant views unit listing and furniture selection virtually. Housing staff, potential tenant, and landlord discuss terms.
- **Lease signing:** Landlord and tenant sign program forms and lease.
- **Furniture Delivery:** The [Chicago Furniture Bank](#) coordinates with the landlord to arrange a furniture delivery prior to move-in.
- **Move-in:** Tenant will receive assistance moving in.

Chicago Rents Program Benefits

Benefits for the CoC

- Ensures units are readily available, facilitates faster move-in times
- Vets units before they are offered to participants to streamline move-in process
- Centralizes and deduplicates landlord engagement work of agencies
- Creates unified landlord-facing voice for CoC

Benefits for Landlords

- Timely rental payments
- Financial incentives to hold empty units
- Free Advertising/Quickly fill vacancies
- Tenant Case Management
- Document Reduction
- Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund

Chicago Rents: Engaging the Community

Mayor Lightfoot previously released a letter urging landlords to become involved with Chicago Rents!

All connections are welcome. Landlords or service providers with connections can become involved through:

[Landlord Survey](#)

ChicagoRents@allchicago.org

**COORDINATED ENTRY
HIGH RISK FLAG FOR
PRIORITIZATION**

Coordinated Entry – High Risk Flag

- Participants at high risk of severe COVID-19 complications are being prioritized for housing under the CE Prioritization 2.0 plan.
- Crisis response providers are the super heroes needed to **identify this cohort and record high risk status into HMIS** so that these households can be matched to permanent housing solutions.



Coordinated Entry – High Risk Flag

- Identify High Risk Participants
 - Age
 - 60 and above or 1 year old and below
 - Pregnancy Status
 - Medical Conditions
 - These are conditions the CDC has shared cause adults and/or children to be at high risk for complications related to COVID-19
- Print out the [High Risk Flag Instructions](#) to have the medical conditions available
- Read all conditions in a row to see if any of them apply

Coordinated Entry – High Risk Flag

➤ Record High Risk Status in HMIS

- A new field has been added in HMIS to the bottom of the Client Summary tab, visible upon opening the client record.
- The flag is a single question: “Is the client / household considered high risk?”

COVID-19: High Risk Indicator

Households are considered high-risk for COVID-19 in line with the CDC’s guidelines. This includes:

- Anyone over the age 60
- Anyone with an underlying health condition
- Anyone who is pregnant
- Children aged 1 year or younger

Further Details: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

Is the client/household considered high-risk?

Coordinated Entry – High Risk Flag

➤ Coordinated Entry Questions

- E-mail stephanie.sideman@csh.org

➤ HMIS Questions

- E-mail helpdesk@allchicago.org

- Please join the Coordinated Entry group for the third [Quarterly Community Check-In](#) on **September 23** at **1:00 pm**. [Register for this meeting here](#). This check-in will cover the [CE Prioritization 2.0](#), how to connect COVID-19 high risk households to housing, and updates from other CoC workgroups. Please reach out to [Stephanie Sideman](#) with any questions.

Update on EHI Subcontracting Opportunities

Housing Liaison Program

Chicago Rents Program (New Landlord Outreach and Engagement Program)

Rapid Rehousing Program

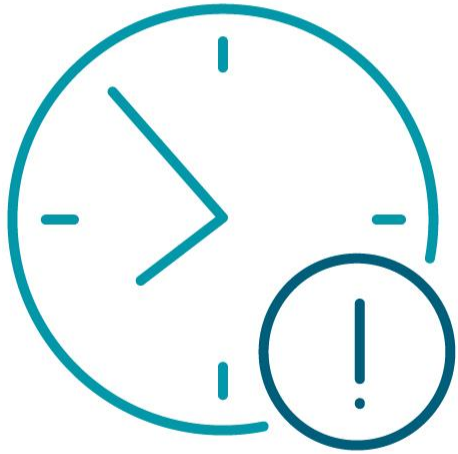
SOAR Program (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery)

Request for Information Process for 4 Program Areas; closed on 7/29.

Full Request for Application process for RRH Program coming later this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDER OF COMMITMENTS

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<https://2020census.gov/>

Resources for Shelter and Transitional Housing Providers:

[How the 2020 Census Counts People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

The National Alliance to End Homelessness launched a campaign, “Every One Votes.”

Every One Votes is an initiative to ensure that people who are experiencing homelessness are registered to vote and able to exercise their right to vote. Providers can access resources and tools that provide guidance and strategies to support clients and consumers to register to vote, and to encourage voter turnout.

Step 1: Develop a Plan

Step 2: Voter Registration

Step 3: Get out the Vote

[DOWNLOAD THE VOTER TOOLKIT](#)



CoC Board Meeting Results

- The CoC Board oversees the CoC's strategic direction.
- Read minutes and attend meetings – see our website!
- Decisions from August 19 meeting include:
 - Approved the Collaborative Applicant MOU between All Chicago and the CoC Board, which now goes to the full CoC for vote
 - Creation of an Ad Hoc Racial Equity Group to determine CoC's plan to address racial inequities
 - Reconvening the Unified Funding Agency group to discuss reallocation policy for HUD CoC unspent funding
 - Convening an Ad Hoc Ranking Policies Committee to determine ranking policies for if there is a 2020 HUD CoC NOFA process
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org

HUD CoC NOFA Update

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness is advocating that the 2020 CoC NOFA be cancelled this year, and instead, award 2020 funding to 2019 grantees at the same level. Read more here → <https://endhomelessness.org/legislation/summary/>.
- HUD has stated that they are “currently exploring alternative approaches to distributing FY 2020 CoC Program funds.”
- All Chicago started the community’s local evaluation process by requiring agencies to complete the Intent to Renew phase in February 2020. All Chicago is prepared to run an abbreviated version of the Evaluation Instrument if HUD requires a community process.
- You can view a copy of the 2020 HUD NOFA Contingency Plan in the August 19, 2020 CoC Board of Directors Packet on our website.
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org

CoC Membership Meeting

- Save the Date – The All CoC Membership Meeting will be held virtually **Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**
- A formal invite and membership dues reminder is coming soon.
- Anticipated voting Items:
 - CoC Charter
 - Collaborative Applicant Memorandum of Understanding between the CoC Board and All Chicago
- Please add other topic ideas in the chat!
- For questions please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org

CoC Charter Public Comment Period

- The Board Affairs Committee, a subcommittee of the [Chicago Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Board](#), formed a Charter Review Committee for the purpose of revising the CoC [Governance Charter](#)
- After months of discussions and deliberations, the Charter Review Committee is presenting this [draft Governance Charter](#) for community review and feedback
- All Chicago hosted a webinar reviewing the proposed Charter revisions on Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00 pm. [A recording of this webinar can be found here.](#)
- Please review a summary of key changes and [share feedback on the new charter and it's proposed changes using the survey on this page.](#) All responses are due by **Friday, September 25.**
- For questions about the charter please contact cocprograms@allchicago.org.

HMIS

- Earlier this year the [HMIS](#) Chicago Dashboard to End Homelessness was temporarily removed from All Chicago's website as part of a rebuild
- Rebuild is underway, but All Chicago has created a [temporary dashboard](#) to share some basic data with the community
- Check the [data dictionary](#) on our website to understand how we are analyzing data for these lists and other reports as they generate
- Thank you for your patience during this transition. As always, if you have questions, please submit them to helpdesk@allchicago.org.

Questions?

- Please make sure these **communications are circulated to all relevant staff** in your organization, so they have the latest information.
- The webinar slides and recording of this webinar will be available on the All Chicago [coronavirus resource page](#) on Monday.
- 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.
- For questions on the CoC or All Chicago please contact CoCprograms@allchicago.org

THANK YOU!