

Situation Report

- Please note that this report is not comprehensive, as PfH is not getting reports from all area hospitals and the situation at Grady is changing daily.
- 24 individuals have been reported as known positive cases among the homeless community.

Testing

- Mercy Care has a strong partnership with the CDC and has been able to have access to a group of CDC doctors to aid in testing. They are specifically helping to test in the large, congregate shelters which are some of the higher risk areas.
- Large congregate shelter testing began this week at Gateway Center and will continue at The Evolution Center this week. Testing will continue at the additional large shelters starting next week.
- Gateway is in the process of receiving the preliminary test results for clients as well as staff. There will be additional report out on this on Tuesday of next week.
- The CDC will also be consulting at the isolation unit hotel to help with best practices, etc.
- There is discussion around setting up additional testing at smaller shelters and for the unsheltered/encampment populations. The focus currently is to get through all of the individuals at the larger shelters, but PfH and it's partners for looking ahead to get more testing throughout the community.

Isolation

- The isolation unit hotel is open as of yesterday, it is staffed and ready to accept clients. There is an expectation that there will be a handful of clients received today due to the testing at Gateway.
- PfH is still actively recruiting new staff. Please see the PfH Website under the COVID-19 update page to apply.
- PfH and its partners are also working with DPH to look into the possibility of standing up an additional isolation facility in the near future. Details are forthcoming.
- The local of the isolation hotel will not be publicly shared. The units will only be receiving referrals through the Nurse Line. Hospitals and congregate shelter testing sites will have access to the number.

Food, Supplies, and Outreach

- PfH received a donation of 2500 masks earlier this week. They were able to distribute these makes to over 40 providers and partners.
- Through a partnership with a few organizations, distribution is being rolled out of approximately 700- 1,000 meals per day starting today. PfH is looking for teams that can go out on a weekly basis to deliver the meals directly to encampments or other areas where individuals are congregating. Guidance and maps showing the locations where the meals will need to be delivered will be provided. Please contact Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org) for more details.

- An email was sent out yesterday asking shelters about food needs. Through the partnership with Proof of the Pudding, there may be additional meals that can be provided to shelters in need. Please reach out to Chelsea Arkin for more information.
- Phase II of outreach (i.e. testing and symptom screening) is currently TBD. However, outreach workers are going out daily to distribute meals to encampments.
- A COVID-19 Provider Needs survey was sent out via email on Wednesday. Please fill this out by COB today, as PfH will be using this information to create a coordinated ask.

HMIS/DCA Updates

- Guidance was sent out to the CoC HMIS admins about verbal consent. That information is now up on DCA's website.
- When obtaining verbal consent, the client must be informed of the privacy policy as well as the temporary addendum and where to find it. This all must be fully explained to clients when they are deciding whether to consent to share their information or not.

Additional Updates

- The Mayor issued an order to fund establishing and standing up additional non-congregate shelters for those individuals who are healthy but are high risk if they contract COVID-19. The funds will match private funds to support this effort.
- This work is looking like looking to stand up a healthy homeless hotel. It will prioritize those who are sheltering at the airport.
- This hotel would be focused on temporary shelter placement, with a longer term and immediate goal of long-term housing. There is work being done to stand up additional PSH vouchers. PfH and its partners are also looking at the new CoC funded projects to prioritize those who are currently in shelters and the healthy homeless hotel.

Information Sharing, Questions, and Comments

- Are the isolation units only for individuals experiencing homelessness?
 - No, they are for both those individuals and for individuals who are displaced and are not able to safely isolate at home.
- If there are unsheltered individuals who are in need of isolation, how do we connect them to the Nurse Line?
 - The units are for individuals who have been tested positive. The testing site where the individuals go will facilitate them getting connected to isolation.
- Are there guidelines the CDC can provide for laundry services for those that have tested positive?
 - Yes, there are cleaning guidelines already on the CDC website and these include disinfecting laundry.
- The CDC lead for this work is Sapna Morris.
- How many beds will be at the hotel for the healthy individuals?
 - We are currently budgeting for 240-250.
- Is there a plan in place to feed those at the airport?
 - No, not currently. This can be added to the considerations.