

COVID-19 Update Meeting 5/1/20

Testing

- Targeted testing by Mercy Care and Fulton County will begin next week at specific locations. The ongoing testing schedule is to be determined.
- Mercy Care teams will be at the Non-Congregate Hotel (NCH) this week to test intakes that have not been tested yet.

Isolation Units and Non-Congregate Hotel (NCH)

- The Isolation Unit Hotel is continuing to accept COVID positive individuals. The current census is 26, which includes those that will be discharged today.
- There are 75 guests at the NCH. The target population for this facility is individuals who are high-risk as defined by the CDC. PfH and its partners are working with the airport outreach team and the street outreach teams to identify individuals for the NCH.
- There is a heavy focus at the NCH on discharge planning. PfH has been working with HOPE Atlanta and Fulton County as well as other providers to provide housing solutions for the guests at the NCH.

Outreach/Encampments and Food/Supplies

- Outreach continues and is focused on individuals who are high risk to get them into the NCH.
- Food distribution continues each day, with over 1,400 meals delivered per day. Agencies that would like to assist in food distribution can reach out to Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org).

Additional Updates

- Clients may be eligible for economic impact dollars. Please see newsletter for more details as to who may be eligible.
 - Clients may need to provide additional information to the IRS to receive these funds.
 - PfH encourages agencies to disseminate this information to their front-line workers and to their case workers so that clients can receive the money that may be waiting for them.
 - There will be posters sent out with the information to be posted at agencies as well.

Information sharing, Questions, Comments

- Does the NCH have the ability to have guests with physical disabilities as well?
 - Yes, please contact Cathryn Marchman to discuss.
- What does discharge planning for those at the Isolation Units look like? Where is their destination once their time has ended at the Isolation Hotel?
 - This depends on the individual. Some were referred from emergency shelter and will be returning to those shelters to continue working on the housing plan that was already in place. Some guests have been able to stay with family and friends. Others have been moved to the NCH.
- The stimulus RFP from the city will be released soon.