

COVID-19 Update Meeting 5/8/20

Testing

- Mercy Care is testing today at their Chamblee location. This testing is focused on residents in that area.
- Open testing at Mercy Care's clinic will begin on **Friday, May 15**.

Isolation/Non-Congregate Hotels

- There has been a reduction of guests at the Isolation Hotel due to individuals being discharged. These individuals have not been replaced by new intakes and as a result there are currently only 8 guests in the isolation units.
- There are currently 103 clients at the Non-Congregate Hotel. As a reminder, this hotel is prioritized for individuals who are considered high-risk for COVID-19. This includes individuals over 65 and/or individuals with underlying medical conditions. The CDC has outlined who is considered high-risk.
- PfH is still hiring staff for the Non-Congregate Hotel. Apply on the PfH website: <https://partnersforhome.org/covid/>

Outreach/Encampment

- Outreach continues and is currently targeting high-risk individuals to get them into shelter, i.e. the non-congregate hotel.
- Intown Collaborative Ministries is working to identify high-risk individuals at specific encampments. The focus next week will be on the encampments under 1-20 and the 75/85 connector.
- Agencies that are interested in helping with outreach can contact Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org) or Cathryn Marchman (cmarchman@partnersforhome.org)

Food and Supplies

- PfH is looking for volunteers to help with the continued daily food distribution effort. These volunteers would be assisting with distribution and logistical support.
- Agencies or individuals that are interested in supporting food distribution can contact Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org)

Funding Updates

- United Way has released a NOFA. The applications are due next **Friday, May 15**.
- Two entitlement NOFAs are available from the City of Atlanta.
 - The first is COVID stimulus funding (ESG, CDBG, and HOPWA). Applications are due next **Friday, May 15**. See the City's website for application and details. Please note that ESG funds can be used for emergency low-barrier shelter and RHH. PfH encourages providers to apply as our community is in need of providers to do this kind of work.
 - The second is the FY21 regular entitlement award. This includes CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA. Please see the City's website for further details.

Information Sharing, Questions, Comments

- The next Atlanta Continuum of Care meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12 from 10 am- 12 pm**. It will be held via zoom. Find the zoom information in the calendar invite or the PfH May 2020 Newsletter.
- Coordinated Entry is currently shifting to be able to offer telephonic housing assessments through Gateway. More details to come.