

COVID-19 Update Meeting 5/15/20

Testing

- There will be testing today at Mercy Care starting at 8:30 am until at least 2 pm.
- Testing will be targeted going forward instead of mass testing. Any agencies or organizations that can stand or have ideas of where to stand up these smaller testing events can reach out to Tom Andrews.
- Testing for the Non-Congregate Hotel will continue before admission to the hotel.
- There is a follow up call with Mercy Care with a smaller group of providers around testing next steps.

Isolation Unit and Non-Congregate Hotels

- Work at both hotels continues. The Isolation Unit Hotel is still up and running. However, there is a very low census. It is continuing to take positive tests from area hospitals as well as the testing events.
- The Non-Congregate Hotel is open and operational with 120 guests currently. Intake will resume today from the airport and encampments. There was a pause in intake this week due to safety concerns at the hotel. Intakes will now continue until the hotel is at full capacity of around 250 guests.
- PfH is still staffing for these hotels. Agencies or individuals that have others they would like to recommend for these positions can reach out to Jillian Hart (jhart@partnersforhome.org)

Outreach/Encampments and Food/Supplies

- Outreach continues 7 days/week and will continue at that pace for the time being. PfH is currently receiving input as to how long this effort should continue.
- Agencies or individuals that would like to volunteer with food distribution can find more information here: <https://volunteer.handsonatlanta.org/opportunity/a0C1H00001c9dPAUAY>
- PfH and it's partners are continuing to purchase hand sanitizer, with Intown Collaborative Ministries spearheading that work. Agencies that are in need of hand sanitizers can request some with the following link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dePxd-qSA0mA-fkOvnDaXLYNcyXO_nBHoQkaAKRmbntUNldNOE5GWE5TQIQwVkJGVEpVUVRSWElwSS4u

Information Sharing, Questions, Comments

- Have certain housing placement efforts been paused?
 - PfH is closely monitoring housing placements. There was a drop in March but there was an increase in April, with RRH staying steady throughout that time period. PfH is also working closely with a few organizations, such as Open Doors and Atlanta Housing, to source landlords and units that will take choice vouchers.
 - The main concern about access to housing is the access to the Department of Driver's Services to receive IDs. PfH is working with the City to eliminate those barriers.
 - PfH is also looking to stand up a central command center for housing. This is along with an effort to coordinate all new dollars for permanent housing.

- Any agencies that know of landlords that are willing to take choice vouchers can reach out to Cathryn Marchman (cmarchman@partnersforhome.org)