

COVID-19 Update Meeting 5/22/20

Testing

- Mercy Care has funding sources for ongoing testing.
- Current next steps include standing up regular testing events at partner agencies.
- Crossroads and Safehouse are examples of agencies that will likely hold some of these testing events.

Isolation Unit and Non-Congregate Hotels

- The current census at the Isolation Unit Hotel (IUH) is only 5 guests. The IUH is continuing to take COVID positive referrals from testing events and area hospitals.
- The Non-Congregate Hotel has a census of about 200 individuals, with intake continuing to increase that number to 250.

Food Distribution

- Food distribution continues, with PfH and its partner agencies distributing 1,200 meals daily to encampments and shelters throughout the city.
- PfH is currently looking to determine next steps for this distribution. PfH will be surveying food providers to learn more about capacity moving forward.

Information sharing, questions, comments

- Additional funding for housing is likely and will be prioritized for permanent housing support. This support will specifically be in the form of PSH and more long-term RRH.
 - The largest barrier currently is the lack of units. PfH is actively pursuing landlords and units for all voucher programs and they are partnering with Open Doors for this work. HCV needs to be in the City of Atlanta.
 - Agencies that have relationships with landlords can contact Chelsea Arkin (carkin@partnersforhome.org).