

## COVID Update Meeting 6/26/20

### Isolation Unit and Non-Congregate Hotels

- The Isolation Unit Hotel work continues. The State has decided to extend the IUH through the end of September. There continues to be a low census at the hotel. The CoC will be updated if the current situation changes.
- The Non-Congregate Hotel continues to operate with the partnership of HOPE Atlanta and the City of Atlanta. Census remains in the 230s.
  - The NCH will continue through the end of July. There is a possibility it will extend as well. There will be more updates to come on the possible extension.
- A housing central command center has been stood up and is meeting weekly. This group is focusing on eliminating and removing barriers at higher levels as well as forwarding the request for a landlord engagement campaign by the mayor. There are more details to come on the landlord engagement campaign in the next few weeks.

### Testing

- Mercy Care has begun the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of their testing campaign and events. This phase includes partnering with CORE for all testing events, except those at the Mercy Care clinic in Decatur. A scheduling of the testing events will be distributed to the CoC and currently extends through the end of September.
- Please note that CORE uses a different method of sending out testing results than Mercy Care in their earlier testing events. All of CORE's testing results are pushed out through an app within 24- 36 hours.
  - Mercy Care has entered an MOU with CORE pertaining to the release of testing information. Mercy Care will have access to test results and will ensure that results reach individuals without phones and will notify shelters of any positives in their client populations.

### Food Distribution and Supplies

- Next week will be the last week of food distribution efforts. Food distribution efforts have continued the past 2 weeks in partnership with Empire State South and World Central Kitchen, with distribution to volunteers from the PfH office on pollard.
- Next week distribution will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If any agencies or individuals are interested in assisting with distribution efforts next week, please contact Chelsea Arkin ([carkin@partnersforhome.org](mailto:carkin@partnersforhome.org)).
- PfH also has masks and gloves to be distributed to agencies that are in need. Agencies can contact Chelsea Arkin ([carkin@partnersforhome.org](mailto:carkin@partnersforhome.org)) to coordinate pick up of those items.

### Questions, Comments, Information Sharing

- What types of tests are currently being used in the testing events with CORE?
  - CORE is doing self-administered nose swab testing. Mercy Care is using the NP swab testing at their clinic locations.

- Is there a plan to extend the IUH if there is a resurgence of COVID around the end of September?
  - PfH and the State are evaluating the need to extend the IUH on an ongoing basis. The State committed to extending for the next 3 months and will reevaluate closer to September.
- Mercy Care has received notice that they will be able to continue TB testing with 50% of the funding they were formerly receiving. Please note they will be reviewing testing schedule to make it the most efficient possible with reduced capacity.
- Mercy Care is reopening more broadly July 1. More services, including dental, will resume operation.
- Is there a consensus on reopening for the shelters that have been closed to new intakes?
  - There is no census or updates currently. PfH will be reaching out to the shelters that have been closed and can provide an update in the next few weeks.
- Intown Collaborative Ministries has additional bottles of 4oz hand sanitizer available. Please fill out the form in the COVID update emails to request the sanitizer.
- PfH is continuing to work on the plan for recovery. PfH will be rolling out recommendations for additional funding being received through ESG. They are hoping to hold focus groups with providers to get input from the community for prioritization of these funds.