



COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report

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COVID-19 Testing Results

Reporting Period [3.23 - 4.30.2020]

Below is data on our local efforts to implement Rapid Testing for COVID-19 at our shelters. *(More detail is provided about Rapid Testing below in the Homelessness Response Actions Taken Section)*

Data Overview of these efforts:

Rapid Testing has occurred at **10** homeless shelters so far

475 total clients have received Rapid Testing

Only **7%** of those who received Rapid Testing were COVID-19 positive

Homelessness Response Actions Taken

Rapid Testing

The Detroit Health Department (DHD), in partnership with Wayne State University, has begun Rapid Testing of emergency shelter locations. The goal is to eventually test all shelter residents. Any shelter guests who test positive are transferred to our Alternative Shelter Sites. The original shelter that was tested then follows DHD guidance including cleaning the facility and temporarily stopping incoming referrals from CAM. The results of the testing thus far are relayed above. **We want to applaud our local shelters for their efforts to keep clients healthy and safe.** The data indicates these efforts are working.

Alternative Shelter Sites

A Note on Language: You may hear several terms to refer to new shelters sites that have been set-up to assist people experiencing homelessness directly affected by COVID-19. These terms include "**alternative shelter sites**," "**COVID Shelters**," and "**shelter type 1 and**

shelter type 2." All of these are referring to the new sites which are sheltering guests who are symptomatic, pending test results, or confirmed positive for COVID-19.

Street Outreach

Street Outreach teams are working in coordination to connect people to shelter and COVID-19 testing. Outreach teams can connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to testing regardless of symptoms.

Fundraising Campaign

The Detroit CoC has created a [fundraising campaign](#) in partnership with the NOAH Project to raise funds to purchase supplies for the alternatives shelter sites which are sheltering guests directly impacted by COVID-19. More information will be sent soon in a separate email.

CAM Data

479 total Shelter Referrals

363 single adults

54 youth

62 families

32 total Housing Program Referrals

Transitional Housing:

7 families; 2 single adults

Rapid Re-Housing:

5 families; 5 single adults

Permanent Supportive Housing:

0 families; 13 single adults

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The Coordinated Assessment Model (CAM) is Detroit's coordinated entry system to homeless services. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CAM is operating a phone-based model. Any individual or family without a safe place to stay for the night can contact CAM at **313-484-4449**, seven days a week from 7am-8:30pm for assistance.

Additionally, CAM is coordinating transportation to alternative shelters from emergency shelters and hospitals for people who are homeless and also are 1) experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; 2) awaiting COVID-19 test results; or 3) have tested positive for COVID-19.

[Visit CAM's website here.](#)

Important Updates

Remember that the Stay Home Executive Order was EXTENDED

- Governor Withmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives" Executive Order was **extended to May 15th**. [Click this link](#) to read the official order.
- Please note that this order explicitly calls out **moving as allowable travel**.
 - It is imperative that we continue striving to move clients into permanent housing.

Economic Impact Payments Update [Regarding SSDI, SSI & VA Recipients]

- Payments have started going out to SSDI and SSI recipients who did not file taxes for 2018 or 2019 but use a bank account to receive their monthly checks [\[use this tool to track\]](#)
 - SSDI recipients with checking accounts should have received payment by *now*
 - SSI recipients with checking accounts will begin receiving payments by *early May*
- SSI and VA recipients with dependent children under age 17 **will not automatically receive the additional \$500 per child if they did not file taxes**
 - These recipients need to use [\[this free file form\]](#) by *May 5th* in order to receive \$500 per child.
 - Note: This does not affect the timing of the initial \$1200 payment
- *Full payment chart with more information* [\[link\]](#)
- *Poverty Solutions Economic Impact Payment Resource* [\[link\]](#)
- *Bank account access assistance* [\[link\]](#)

Homeless Service Provider Webinar

The City of Detroit, CAM, CSH and HAND are jointly hosting weekly webinars **every Friday at 9am** for homeless service providers. These will continue through the month of May. The goal of these webinars remains to bring stakeholders together to provide up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, respond to questions, and allow for targeted learning opportunities.

You can access shared resources for providers as well as past webinar recording and materials [by clicking here](#).

If you would like to be added to the webinar invitations or have questions, please email kaitie@handetroit.org

Helpful Resources

Detroit At Work

- Detroit at Work continues to connect Detroiters to employment opportunities through their expanded call center services. [LINK](#)



How We Can Help During COVID-19.

Call us. We have expanded our
services through our Call Center.

313-962-WORK (9675)

For UNEMPLOYMENT Claims, please file online at:
Michigan.gov/UIA or call 1-866-500-0017.

United Way Partner Grants

- [LINK](#) to apply
- To be eligible for a United Way grant, your program must:
 - Concentrate its efforts and services within the United Way for Southeastern Michigan service area (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) and align with at least one of United Way's impact areas and strategies.
 - For grants from our Community Impact Fund, you must also meet financial criteria including a complete annual independent audit, an annual tax return (990/990EZ), an active Board of Directors and an IRS determination letter verifying nonprofit status.
 - *A review of the stewardship documents will be completed by United Way for Southeastern staff and a committee of volunteers.

MDHHS Mental Health Peer Support Opportunity

- MDDHS recently released a resource to aid persons with mental health needs during COVID-19 who may not have access to other mental health resources. The warmline will connect individuals with certified peer support specialists who have lived experiences of behavioral health issues, trauma or personal crises, and are trained to support and empower the caller.
- The warmline is operated **7 days a week from 10am to 2am**. Anyone who needs support can access it by **calling 888-733-7753**.
 - [LINK](#) for additional Information

Resource Compilations

- Detroit-Based Food Resources
 - [LINK](#)
- City of Detroit COVID 313 Page
 - [LINK](#)
- Wayne State Resource Compilation
 - [LINK](#)
- CoC Resource Compilation
 - [LINK](#)
- CSH Supportive Housing Resource Platform

- [LINK](#)

Detroit CoC COVID-19 Webpage

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