



# COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

## Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report

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### COVID-19 Testing Results

Reporting Period [3.23.2020 - 6.04.2020]

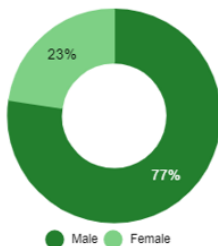
Below is data on the COVID-19 test results for homeless persons in the city of Detroit.

**744** Tests Conducted  
**97** Total Positives (13%)  
**623\*** Total Negatives

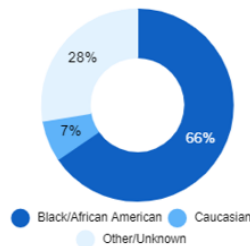
*\*Difference is a result of pending/invalid tests.*

#### Overall Demographics

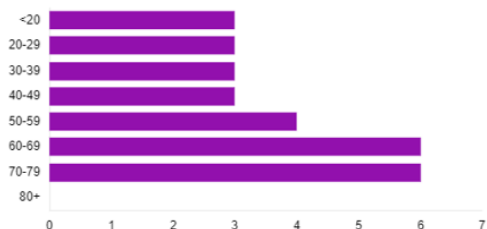
Positive Cases by Gender



Positive Cases by Race



Positive Cases by Age



Of the tests administered:

**8%** have been completed by **hospitals**

**16%** have been completed by **Wayne State University**

**76%** have been completed by the **Detroit Health Department**

As of June 5, 2020 - there are a total of **0 guests** at the Type 1 and 2 Alternative Shelter Sites [also referred to as Isolation Shelter Sites]. **This is the first time we have not had any guests at these sites since the start of the pandemic.** We have had a total of **186 total referrals** to these sites since the start of the program.

**65 (35%)** of the referrals to these Alternative Shelter Sites have come from **hospitals**

**98 (53%)** came from our **traditional shelters** and **23 (12%)** came from **outreach providers**

### Shelter Type 3

As mentioned last week, Type 3 Shelter is a site for high risk individuals who are not symptomatic or COVID-19 positive, are at high risk for complications if contracting the virus, and have been referred to housing. The City has worked with CAM and navigators to identify these individuals and move them into this non-congregate shelter facility.

As of June 5th 2020 - there are a total of **14 single adults** at shelter Type 3.

## New Homelessness Response Actions Taken

### Moving Our CoC Forward

As the initial crisis of the pandemic is subsiding and the Governor is making moves to reopen the state, the CoC Board and Executive Committee have begun planning efforts for how to move forward the work that was paused due to COVID-19. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

### Seasonal Warming Center Closures

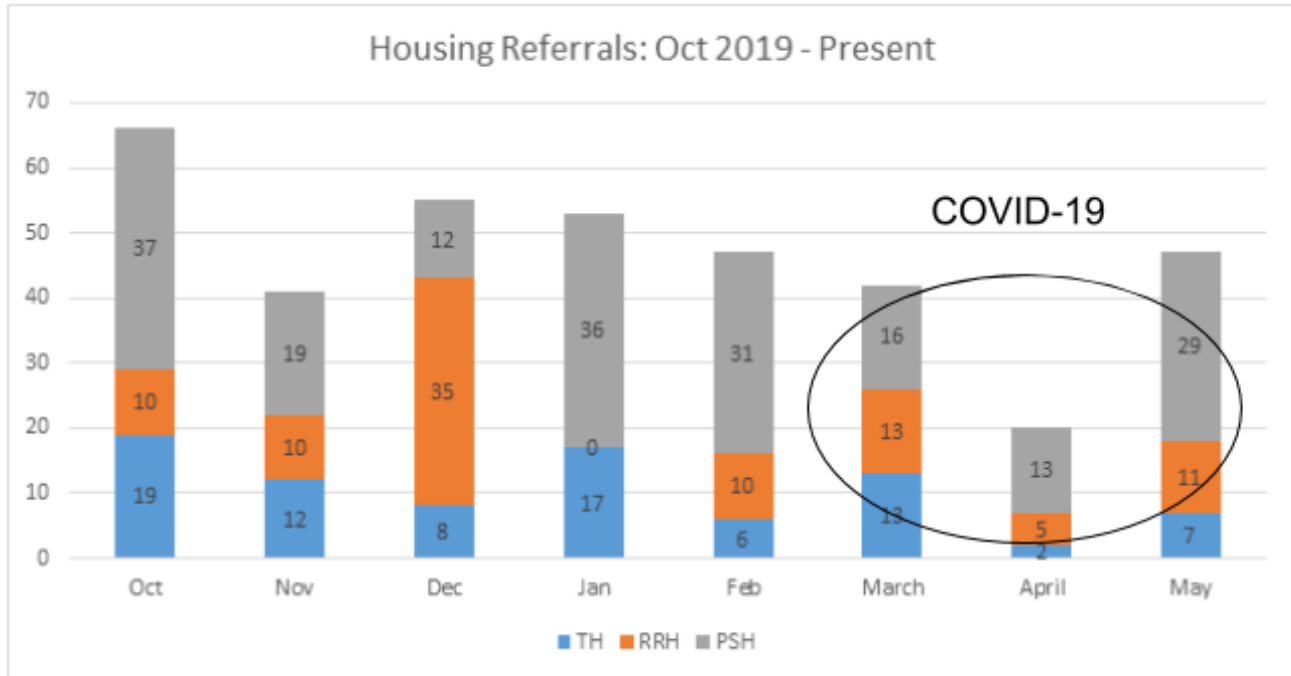
As of May 31, 2020, all seasonal warming centers were formally closed. CAM was able to provide alternative resources for all clients by either facilitating exits into permanent housing or referring households to another shelter.

## CAM Data

### Trends in Housing Referrals

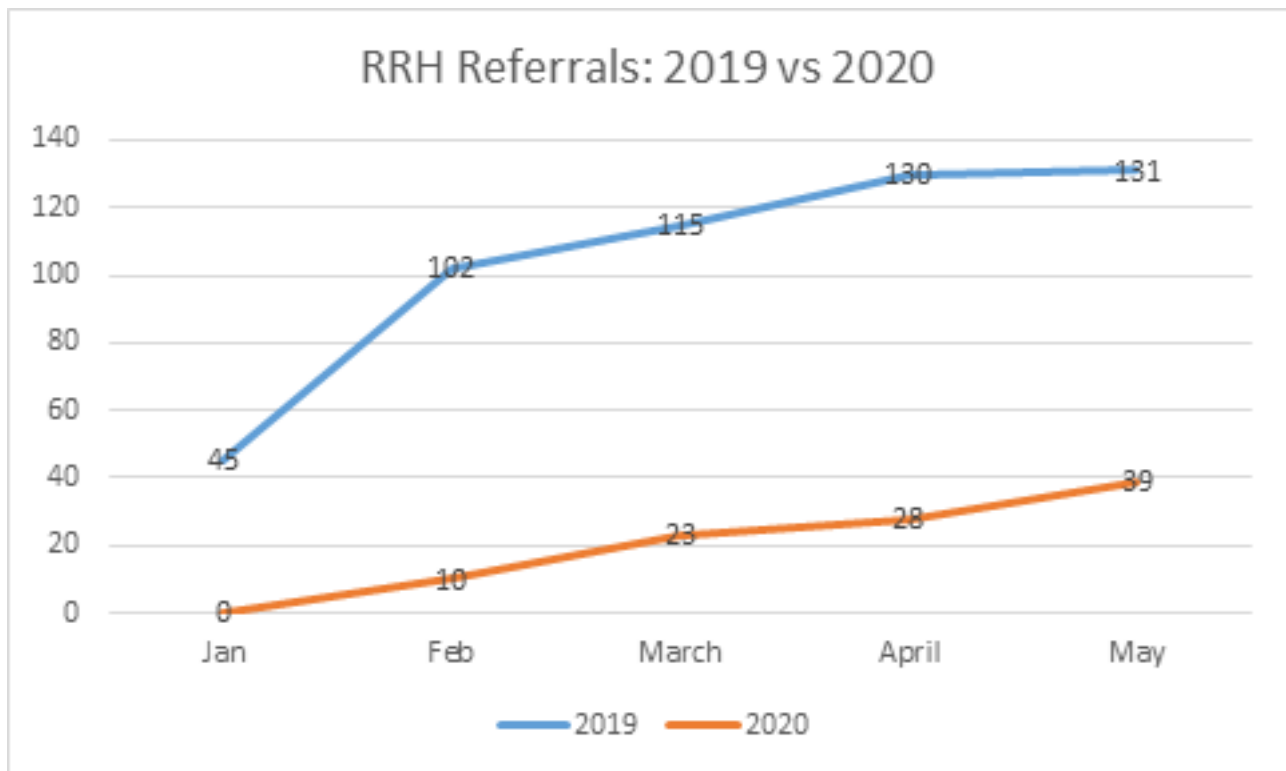
In lieu of providing the standard weekly update on total referrals from CAM, we wanted to provide a brief analysis on the housing referral trends we are seeing this year.

The chart below shows trends in referrals to Transitional Housing (TH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) from October 2019 to May 2020.



As you can see from the graphic, there was a decline in Housing Referrals in April that we have attributed to COVID-19. However, thanks to concerted efforts from CAM staff and our Housing Providers, referrals were able to rebound in May to more closely mirror the trends of the past several months.

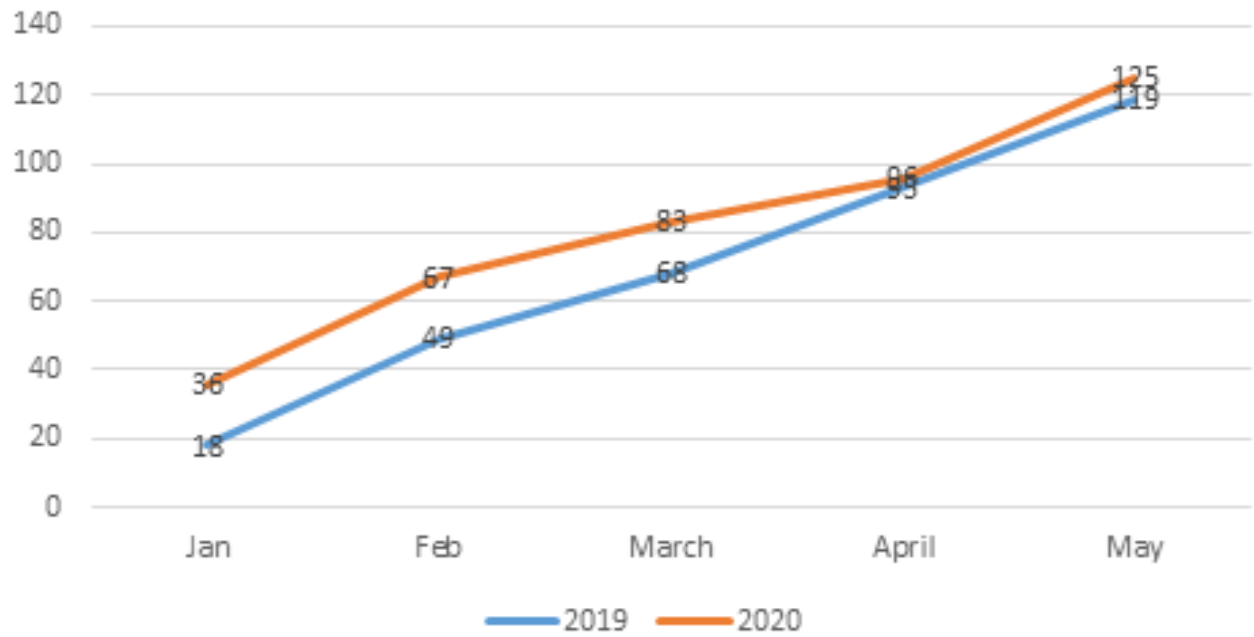
The chart below compares the total number of referrals to **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)** from January 01 - May 31, 2019 with the total referrals from January 01 - May 31, 2020. Please note that this graph is compounding - meaning that the total number of referrals for each month are added to each other (coming to a cumulative total for the 5 month period).



As exhibited in the chart, the decline in referrals in 2020 began prior to COVID-19 and has continued throughout the pandemic.

The final chart, below, compares the total number of referrals to **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** from January 01 - May 31, 2019 with the total referrals from January 01 - May 31, 2020. Please note that this graph is compounding - meaning that the total number of referrals for each month are added to each other (coming to a cumulative total for the 5 month period).

## PSH Referrals: 2019 vs 2020



Unlike RRH, the referrals to our Permanent Supportive Housing programs have increased slightly in 2020 as compared to last year. While there was certainly a dip in referrals in the most recent months due to the pandemic, the trend still largely aligns with last year.

We hope to bring further analysis in future webinars and situational reports.

## Important Updates

### Relaxing of the Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives Order

Many of you are aware that on June 1st, Governor Whitmer rescinded Executive Order 2020-99 which had extended Michigan's Stay Home Order to June 12. On June 1st, the Governor reported that the new cases of COVID-19 had declined to the point that our state was able to move into phase 4 (of 6) in the Michigan Safe Start Plan.

This change has direct impacts on our homeless response system. As you all know, the slow reopening of the state by no means marks the end of the pandemic. We must continue to implement the precautions put in place in March to ensure that we do not see a resurgence of the virus in Detroit or in our programs. Shelters and programs where clients have the potential of exposure should continue to practice social distancing, symptom screening, and regular cleaning. Please continue to educate clients on the importance of wearing a mask when around others and taking all precautions possible to prevent the spread of the virus. **Please also remember, clients should not be forbidden from going outside or leaving the building during the day.** If you operate a shelter, clients are not to be exited or prohibited from re-entering the building. Clients should be screened for symptoms and then allowed to re-enter the facility, per our previously established protocol.

[Full Text of Executive Order 2020-110](#)

[Michigan's Safe Start Plan](#)

## CoC Housing Program Ramp-Down Protocol

The CAM Governance Committee and CoC Board recently approved an update to the CoC's protocol for resource prioritization when ramping down projects. When CoC projects need to be ramped down, the clients in those projects will be placed on the top of the prioritization list for other housing resources, to help ensure continued housing stability for these clients. The initial protocol only addressed when PSH projects were ramping down; the protocol has now been updated to include RRH and TH projects. The full protocol may be found [by CLICKING HERE](#).

## 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. 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. ***Note: Beginning on 6/5, the webinars will alternate between focusing on shelter/outreach content and content for housing providers. June 5th's webinar will be focused on our CoC's housing providers. We hope to see you there!***

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

You can register for the ongoing webinars [by clicking here](#).

If you would like to be added to the webinar invitations please email [kaitie@handetroit.org](mailto:kaitie@handetroit.org)

## Helpful Resources

### COVID-19 Testing

- All tri-county residents can now receive a free COVID-19 test without a prescription at the State Fairgrounds. You must have an appointment to be tested. To set up an appointment **call 313-230-0505**.

### Sanitation and Hygiene Resources for Unsheltered Persons

- Linked is an [updated map](#) that shows known locations of showers, bathrooms, hand washing stations, and laundry resources for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Detroit. You can also find a PDF by clicking on the button below.

[Sanitation and Hygiene Resource Map](#)

### 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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