



COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report

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COVID-19 Testing Results

Reporting Period [3.23.2020 - 5.14.2020]

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

578 Tests Conducted
90 Total Positives

Of the tests administered:

34% have been completed by **hospitals**

12% have been completed by **Wayne State University**

88% have been completed by the **Detroit Health Department**

As of May 15, 2020 - there are a total of **13 guests** at the Alternative Shelter Sites [also referred to as Isolation Shelter Sites].

60% of referrals to these Alternative Shelter Sites have come from **hospitals**

40% from our **traditional shelters and outreach providers**

New Homelessness Response Actions Taken

Increased Hygiene Resources for Unsheltered Persons

A collaborative initiative to increase access to restrooms, handwashing stations, and showers for unsheltered populations has resulted in the following:

- Street Medicine Detroit has placed field handwashing stations in locations of need
- The City of Detroit is placing portable toilets with hand sanitizer in parks identified by outreach teams (*please note these will be available later in the day on Friday 5/15*)
- Certain nonprofits in the community are allowing access to existing bathrooms (e.g. NOAH Project) or providing portable toilets, showers, etc. (Pope Francis Center)

This [google map](#) shares the current locations of all available sites. Many sites are available 24/7, but the linked map will specify hours of operation if availability is limited (see availability when you click on each point). This map will continue to be updated as additional locations are added.

To post this information or print and share with clients, click the button below for a PDF. A huge thank you to everyone involved to ensure access to hygiene resources for unsheltered individuals!

[Detroit Unsheltered Bathroom Access Map](#)

Telehealth

The City has secured resources from the Jacob Family Foundation to be able to increase nurse screening utilizing telehealth technology.

Bonus Pay for Frontline Shelter Staff

United Way and Quicken Loans have donated funds to provide bonus pay for frontline at 19 emergency shelters. These shelters will be contacted by the City of Detroit next week with additional information.

Client Incentives

Other communities have employed the use of incentives to help ensure that clients wait to receive their COVID-19 test results and to ensure that clients remain at their isolation site(s) for the full quarantine period. Detroit is working to develop an incentive structure for clients in our system modeled after this work in other communities. Private funds will be used to provide the incentives.

CAM Data

652 total Shelter Referrals

501 single adults

71 youth

80 families

63 total Housing Program Referrals

Transitional Housing: 7 families, 2 single adults

Rapid Re-Housing: 8 families, 32 single adults

Permanent Supportive Housing: 13 single adults, 1 family

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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

The state-wide Eviction Moratorium has been extended

- As of last night, May 14, Governor Whitmer **extended the statewide eviction moratorium through June 11, 2020**. The executive order temporarily extends protections for tenants and mobile home owners from being evicted from their home during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.
 - [Click this link](#) to access the press release for additional information.
 - [Click here](#) to read the official order.

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.

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

Helpful Resources

Mental Health Resources

STAY HOME.
STAY WELL.
Michigan.gov/StayWell

The state of Michigan has a list of mental health help lines for those feeling distress due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both staff and clients can receive support without compromising their safety. [\[LINK\]](#)

Funding Opportunity

- The Desai Sethi Foundation is awarding a **biweekly \$5000 prize** to organizations' who are addressing COVID-19. The next application deadline is May 19th. This is an ongoing granting process so if you miss the deadline or aren't selected for funding, you can apply again.
- [LINK](#) to application instructions

Resource Highlight from the National Alliance to End Homelessness

- State of Homelessness: 2020 Edition [LINK](#)
 - This resource provides a baseline of homelessness in the US *prior* to the COVID-19 pandemic along with projections around how the pandemic will impact homelessness in our nation moving forward.
- COVID-19 Federal Resource Guideline Series [LINK](#)
 - NAEH has compiled a database of federal resources to help communities understand the various resources available to them, what activities and services those resources can fund, and how eligible parties can begin to apply for them.

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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