



COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Weekly COVID-19 Situation Report

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COVID-19 Testing Results

Reporting Period [3.23.2020 - 5.28.2020]

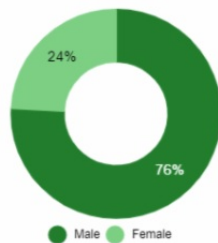
Below is data on the COVID-19 test results for homeless persons in the city of Detroit.

720 Tests Conducted
93 Total Positives
602* Total Negatives

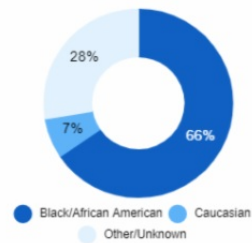
**Difference is a result of pending/invalid tests.*

Overall Demographics

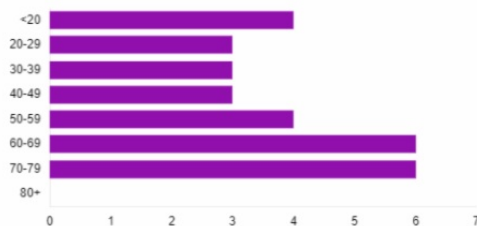
Positive Cases by Gender



Positive Cases by Race



Positive Cases by Age



Of the tests administered:

9% have been completed by **hospitals**

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

75% have been completed by the **Detroit Health Department**

As of May 29, 2020 - there are a total of **4 guests** at the Alternative Shelter Sites [also referred to as Isolation Shelter Sites]. We have had a total of **184 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**

97 (53%) came from our traditional shelters and 22 (12%) came from outreach providers

New Homelessness Response Actions Taken

Alternative Shelter Type III

In previous reports, we have explained that we had integrated the use of alternative shelter sites in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a reminder, Shelter Type I is for those who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and Shelter Type II is for those who test positive for the virus. We have recently opened a third alternative shelter. Shelter Type III is for high risk clients that have already received a housing referral. The goal is to move them out of congregate living facilities to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Seasonal Warming Center Closures

This is a reminder that the three seasonal warming centers will be closing on May 31, 2020. CAM is coordinating with warming center staff and clients to facilitate exits into permanent housing or refer households to another shelter.

Fundraising Campaign

We mentioned last week that through a crowdfunding campaign on ioby.org, the Detroit CoC has raised over \$2700 to support the operations of the alternative shelter sites. These donations are being used to help people experiencing homelessness directly affected by COVID-19. Thank you again to everyone who donated! **And a special shoutout to United Community Housing Coalition whose staff contributed and made a major donation!**

Update on Unsheltered Response

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

Increase in Housing Referrals

Our CoC has seen a 56% increase in RRH and PSH referrals from April to May! Thank you to all of our providers for working diligently to move clients into permanent housing!!

Number Housed through PSH & RRH

Based upon provider report to CAM, 12 households have been housed through PSH this month. As this total is derived direct report, there may be more clients who were housed this month that were not reported. We are glad to see clients moving through our system to access housing! We hope to keep the trend moving in a positive direction.

Major Donation Receipt

We have received a number of generous donations from various entities over the past several weeks that have enabled us to better serve Detroit's homeless population. Donations have included: hygiene kits, toiletry bags, furniture, tablets, hot spots, cell phones, rain ponchos, and PPE (including face shields, various types of face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer). **We wanted**

to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of our donors. Your support is invaluable. Thank you for helping us to ensure some of Detroit's most vulnerable residents remain safe and healthy during this time. Below is an alphabetical list of our major donors:

- Aetna
- Beth Greenberg Morrow, Attorney at Law
- Catholic Charities
- Coca Cola
- Delta Airlines
- General Motors
- INEOS Composites
- Intuitive Surgical
- Malta Dental & Malta Medical
- Mark Freeland
- Quicken Loans
- Scotts MiracleGro
- Str8 Brand
- Verizon
- Wayne State University -- Engineering Students

CAM Data

848 Total Shelter Referrals

(90 new this week)

663 single adults

86 youth

99 families

81 Total Housing Program Referrals

(15 new this week)

Transitional Housing: 7 families, 6 single adults

Rapid Re-Housing: 10 families, 17 single adults

Permanent Supportive Housing: 2 families, 39 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

Proposals for Available RRH Funding Due Soon

Special Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds (ESG-CV) were allocated to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by HUD as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

As the fiduciary of these funds, the Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) is seeking a subrecipient for a portion of these funds. The subrecipient will be able to receive approximately \$300,000 to provide Rapid Rehousing assistance in Detroit. Details on the use of these funds and how to apply are given in the attached RFP.

Please Remember: Applications are Due June 3rd.

MSHDA ESG-CV Request for Proposals

Fillable Version of the Funding Application

Funding Capacity and COVID-19 Impact Survey EXTENDED

HAND, in partnership with a cross-section of community stakeholders, is collecting information on organizational interest in and capacity to apply for the influx of CARES funding that is coming to our community. CARES funding refers to stimulus resources that have been allocated to Detroit to help us respond to the impacts COVID-19 is having on our community.

In this survey, we are also trying to collect information from our current RRH providers on how COVID-19 has impacted your function as an agency.

Your responses to this survey will help us continue to plan for and respond to COVID-19, and to help ensure that we are best able to meet the needs of our community.

Please Complete this Survey by Wednesday June 3rd.

Capacity Survey

NEW HUD Waivers for CoC Funded Programs

Earlier this week HUD released additional waivers that are available for CoC Funded programs. These waivers are in addition to those they made available in April. The description and attachment below provide a summary of these waiver opportunities and how to notify HUD of your intent to use a waiver.

- Waivers available for CoC programs:
 - *****For CoC RRH programs, HUD is allowing people to receive rental assistance for more than 24 months*****. Many RRH providers have asked about this, and HUD has responded! People in RRH may receive rental assistance for up to 3 months after public health official determine special measures are no longer necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - *****For CoC RRH programs, HUD is extending the timeframe that waives monthly case management visits*****. While providers should continue to provide case management as they are able, in recognition that some programs may not be able to meet this regulatory requirement, HUD is extending this waiver for another three months, through August.
 - There are two additional waivers detailed in the attached that may apply to some CoC programs in special circumstances.
- If your agency would like to utilize these waivers, you must notify HUD of your intent to do so at least two calendar days prior to using the waiver. You do not need to get HUD's approval, but you do need to give them a two-day notice of your intent. Details are in the attached document below. Also included in the attached is template language (on page 4 of the attached) you may use for this notification so that all you need to do is "copy and paste" into an email to HUD.
- Notification of intent to utilize a waiver must be submitted by the grantee (ie, your agency). It is not something the CoC can submit behalf of all providers.

- The notification must be sent to CPD_COVID-19WaiverDET@HUD.gov. See the attached for template language on page 4 of the attached you can use. **Please cc me (amanda@handetroit.org) on any waivers you submit.**
- It is recommended your agency submits for these waivers, even if it is currently unknown the extent to which they will be needed. Doing so will provide more flexibility across programs and across our CoC.
- Please let me know what questions you have about these waivers. As we get more clarification, we will communicate that as well.

NOTE: These waivers are for CoC funded programs. The waivers for ESG funded programs must be submitted by the City of Detroit, as they are the ESG recipient. Additional waivers are available for ESG programs, and HAND will work with the City on that waiver request.

Regulatory Waiver Summary & Request Template

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

Helpful Resources

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

