

# COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

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## Meeting Recording:

Topic: COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers (April 8-June 30 invite)

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# Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



ECHO – Local Operations



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

## Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Vella Karman

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-homeless-strategy-covid-19-support>

<http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>

- 642 COVID-19 cases and 7 deaths in Travis County
- 8 people experiencing homelessness have tested positive. 1 of those has recovered
- City of Austin guidance is for everyone to be wearing a mask when out in public in addition to physical distancing of 6 feet
- Pro-Lodge quarantine sites
  - 64 individuals at Pro-Lodge 1 site
  - Pro-lodge 2 site should be operating by early next week. Expecting 60-person capacity
- Emergency rental/utility assistance
  - Call Neighborhood Centers at 512-972-5780
  - Eligibility details will be posted on City website soon
- Austin convention center is the hub for food access
  - Food deliveries from Texas Food Bank
  - Michelle Myles is contact at APH: [michelle.myles@austintexas.gov](mailto:michelle.myles@austintexas.gov)
  - Large amount of pet food will be available for people experiencing homelessness who have pets

- City communications team is working with public transit department to create and post informational posters/signs
- Working with TXDOT to secure more sites for mobile handwashing/sanitation stations
- DACC is continuing to offer walk-in case management and triage services
- City parks and trails will be closed over the weekend to discourage large gatherings
  - APD will encourage voluntary compliance
- City is working to establish contracts to assist with transporting people both to testing sites and to quarantine/isolation sites

## ECHO – Nikki Kozak, Matt Mollica

- Permanent Housing resource document
  - ECHO has created a resource guide for Permanent Housing providers which includes posters programs can print, recreation ideas for participants, and other best practices
  - Guide will be posted on ECHO's website
- ECHO is working to templates to assist programs in applying for HUD grant waivers
- ECHO is convening a group to determine what services will be provided at the isolation/quarantine Pro-Lodge sites

## Agency Updates

- Anyone wanting food bags from First United Methodist can email Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) to make a request.
- Front Steps received a shipment of bandanas and has been offering them to people outside the ARCH

## Chat Box

### **From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:03 AM**

Question to those who have downtown feeding programs. How does your current volume of participants compare with prior to mid March?

### **From Katie Rose to Everyone: 09:04 AM**

[katierose@austinecho.org](mailto:katierose@austinecho.org)- street outreach coord.

### **From Me to Everyone: 09:13 AM**

Please type any questions you may have in the group chat box and we will try to answer them by the next call - on Monday!

### **From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:15 AM**

Anyone wanting food bags from First United Methodist can email Cathy Stone at [cathy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:cathy@fumcaustin.org) to make a request.

### **From Dylan Shubitz to Everyone: 09:17 AM**

has APD been invited to this call?

### **From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:18 AM**

Not sure Dylan! Please forward the invite to anyone who may be interested!