

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am

## Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Laura Foss

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

- 1108 COVID-19 cases in Travis County. 25 deaths and 267 people recovered
  - At least 28 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 2 that have recovered
    - The count of cases among people experiencing homelessness is likely an undercount due to private labs and providers not necessarily recording each person's housing status when they test
  - Demographic information on cases available at <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
- Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing remote services at Iso-Fac and Pro-Lodge sites
  - Starting today, Integral Care will have workers on site at these locations
  - Services include harm reduction measures
- New order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority stating **everyone must wear a fabric mask when outside the home or in public**
  - Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals is still in affect
- Austin City Council approved allocating \$15 million from their emergency reserve fund, RISE (Relief in a State of Emergency)

- Funding will go towards improving food access, case management, and assistance with rent/mortgage, utilities, and medical and childcare expenses
- Press release: <https://www.austintexas.gov/news/city-council-approves-relief-state-emergency-fund-provide-immediate-and-direct-relief-vulnerable-austinites>
- More info at <http://www.austintexas.gov/rise>
- Email [risefunding@austintexas.gov](mailto:risefunding@austintexas.gov) with questions
- Developing web-based food survey
- Food access for people experiencing homelessness
  - Zach Shlachter is acting as the volunteer coordinator for people who would like to help with food distribution
    - Zach can be reached at [zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov](mailto:zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov)
  - Wes Bickham is the contact at to access the shelf-stable food bags being distributed out of the convention center
    - For information on availability and how to access food bags, call Wes at 512-492-5826
  - In final stages of creating a web-based food distribution survey that will collect data on the number of food bags, meals, and water distributed to specific sites.
- Communications
  - Press release put out that identifies 9 clusters of COVID-19 under active health investigation
    - A cluster is defined as 3 or more cases of COVID-19 in a single location
    - 1 cluster identified at The Salvation Army downtown shelter
    - Remaining 8 clusters are senior living or long-term care facilities
- DACC
  - Continues to offer walk in case management triage services, 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday
  - Served 432 individuals, approx. 17 people a day
- Motel Conversion Strategy
  - City closed on purchasing Rodeway Inn
    - Will be starting renovations soon

## Agency Updates

- No updates

## Chat Box

**From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:00 AM**

Good morning! Please enter any questions or updates in the group chat!

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

Street outreach coordination meeting will be taking place WEDS of this week 4/22 at 1pm- invite will be adjusted soon

**From Dylan Shubitz to Everyone: 09:06 AM**

would the city be willing to update this group on funding decisions and contracts awarded from RISE funds?

**From larafoss to Everyone: 09:06 AM**

COVID-19 Demographic info and other info"  
the <http://austintexas.gov/covid19>

**From Katie Rose to Everyone: 09:07 AM**

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**From larafoss to Everyone: 09:08 AM**

FUNDING WEBSITE: <http://www.austintexas.gov/rise>

All RISE funding questions should be sent to: [RISEFunding@AustinTexas.gov](mailto:RISEFunding@AustinTexas.gov)  
point of contact for ppl who want to help with food Access: Zach can be reached at  
[zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov](mailto:zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov)

Wes Bickham is the contact at the Convention Center for shelf stable bags you can contact him for  
information and availability at 512-492-5826

**From Preston Petty to Everyone: 09:08 AM**

Thanks Laura!

**From kaleigh to Everyone: 09:08 AM**

Thanks Laura!