

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)

Date: Apr 8, 2020 08:46 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/-s9yFqvdsXpIR9bJ6ELaQbR-Ravueaa8hycb86ULzRsVL7AjmM7TM0xGVVHicJhe>

Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers
April 8th Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



ECHO – Local Operations



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Friday, April 10th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Vella Karman

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

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

- 554 COVID-19 cases and 7 deaths in Travis County
- 5 people experiencing homelessness have tested positive
 - Additional 8-10 people displaying symptoms and are waiting on test results
- Pro-Lodge quarantine sites
 - Pro-Lodge 1 is operating, and people have been placed there
 - Pro-lodge 2 coming online end of the week
- Austin convention center is the hub for food access
 - Shelf stable food being distributed from convention center (1000 bags of food, enough for a week)
 - Michelle Myles is contact at APH: michelle.myles@austintexas.gov
 - Pet food also available
- Communications
 - New Austin homelessness website design coming soon
 - Developing updated flyer to promote information and awareness

- City is looking into additional hygiene and hand washing locations
- DACC continues offering walk-in triage and case management services
 - Served 35 individuals so far this week
 - 307 served since March 18th
 - Additional people coming in to utilize other resources (food, bathrooms)
- City is receiving a large volume of calls for services/financial resources resulting in delays

ECHO – Nikki Kozak, Matt Mollica

- Working with City and jail to get client information when people are released
 - Need to identify people at risk and/or entering homelessness coming out of the jail
- Healthcare & Homeless Response Coordination Workgroup – [Niki Kozak](#)
 - Fridays at 8:00am
- Hoping to see some ESG stimulus package dollars soon
 - \$4.7 million allocated for Austin/Travis County
 - More information will be shared when available
- Outreach workgroup – [Katie Rose](#)
 - Mondays at 8:00am
- Housing Program Workgroup – [Laura Evanoff](#) and [Bree Williams](#)
 - Thursday 10-11:30

Medical Systems Update – Tim Mercer

- Working with shelters and outreach workers to expand testing capacity, especially downtown
- Continuing to work out details to ensure people staying in quarantine/isolation housing still have access to resources (medical, mental health, food, etc.)
- Homeless Healthcare
 - Most appointments have been moved to over-the-phone instead of office visits
- In other communities, the prevalence of COVID-19 in the homeless population is much greater than the non-homeless population
 - In Boston, people experiencing homelessness are being infected at 7 times the rate as non-homeless

Agency Updates

- No updates

Chat Box

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:02 AM

Good morning! Please type your questions in the chat box. We may not be able to answer them during this call but will work on answering them by the next call on Wednesday!

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:06 AM

Mayor Adler “Got a minute” video: <http://www.mayoradler.com/got-a-minute-6/>

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:06 AM

Thanks Lara!

From Greg McCormack to Everyone: 09:08 AM

We are open to discussing how we can help coordinate and distribute food in the downtown area if needed.

From Zack S to Everyone: 09:08 AM

Neighborhood Centers rent/utilities assistance # is 512-972-5780

Can we get basic info on what the process is like, criteria/conditions, what people should know/expect from the rental assistance program?

From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:09 AM

Please post the link for hand washing posters.

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:10 AM

healthcare coordination group - contact nikikozak@austinecho.org

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:11 AM

katierose@austinecho.org - outreach coordination group

From EGoodison to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Has anyone had luck coordinating with AISD or DVISD to ensure student access to technology, wifi, and other supports?

From Sarah Garvey to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Hey Greg, thanks for being open to helping out with the downtown area. Michelle Myles asked that I pass along her email address to you. michelle.myles@austintexas.gov.

From Iara Foss to Everyone: 09:13 AM

Randy, I will email you the flyers. Can you give me your email address?

From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:13 AM

rteich@foundationhomeless.org

From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:15 AM

AISD technology questions can be directed to Kevin Schwartz at kevin.schwartz@austinisd.org