

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: May 18, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers
May 18th Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Wednesday, May 20th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

COA – Vela Carmen

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

- 2459 confirmed COVID-29 cases in Travis County; 892 recovered; and 77 deaths
- Demographic information on cases available at <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
 - At least 43 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 24 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.
 - Austin Public Health launched an online enrollment form for COVID-19 testing
 - Form will allow people to take self-assessment to determine eligibility and schedule a test without a medical provider referral
 - <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
 - Click “self-assessment” button to create an account and complete the questionnaire listing your symptoms
- Austin Public Health published a Color-Coded Chart
 - To help residents understand the stages of risk during pandemic, and

- To provide recommendations on what people should do to stay safe
- New Risk based guidelines
 - 5 distinct stages of risk
 - 1=Lowest threat stage to
 - 5=Most serious threat stage
- With recommended behaviors for each stage of risk
- Access it here <https://austintexas.gov/news/new-risk-based-guidelines-help-community-stay-safe-during-covid-19-pandemic>
- Order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority stating **masks when outside the home or in public are recommended**
 - Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals is still recommended
- Quarantine and Alternate Facilities
 - ProLodges 1-3 are operational and at full capacity,
 - ProLodge 4 operational by the end of the day,
 - Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and all 4 ProLodges
 - Front Steps staff are providing on site case management at ProLodges 1-3
 - If other programs have capacity to work with people staying at ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, vella.karmen@austintexas.gov
- Eating Apart Together (EAT); Food access for people experiencing homelessness
 - Central Texas Food Bank utilizing City of Austin RAISE funds to provide 4 additional weeks of shelf stable meal bags
 - These remaining shipments are May 21st, May 28th, June 4th, and June 11th
 - Continuing to investigate food access needs for those experiencing homelessness
 - To determine the scope and length of need as a response to COVID19
 - Austin Resource Recover
 - Increased trash picking to every day at Violet bag location to accommodate trash needs associated with EAT initiative
 - The EAT 123 survey
 - Include information on encampment trash pickup needs
 - EAT has the hopes of providing or increasing trash pickup in the identified locations
 - Or send information to Michelle.miles@austintexas.gov
 - If you want to participate in any aspect of Eating Apart Together Initiative Zach Shlachter at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov
- Joint Information System Team (JIST)
 - Launched new version of COVID19 dashboard
 - APH worked closely with IT and other stakeholders to make dashboard more intuitive and user friendly
 - Confirmed case counts, death totals, and hospitalizations numbers updated daily

- Hospitalizations and death demographic data updated weekly
 - Both a desktop and Mobil version
 - Access them here <http://austintexas.gov/covid19>
- Hygiene Update
 - The additional shower trailers are now operational
 - Locations reflected on the interactive resource map
 - Access it here
<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/resource-sites-map-covid-19-response>
 - Contracting with Family Elder Care and The Other Ones Foundation to operate at different locations in Austin
- Downtown Austin Community Court Update (DACC)
 - Continue to offer walk-in triage case management services 8am-5pm Monday through Friday
 - Triage case manager provides flyers to all clients with information on COVID-19 and safety planning
 - Last week May 11th-15th 106 people served through triage case management
 - And since March 16th they have served 856 individuals, an average of 19 individuals a day
 - Individuals accessing basic hygiene resources or client's case managers reach remotely are not factored into this number
 - On Friday the 15th DACC obtained 24 food kits from the Austin Convention Center
 - To provide to the housed case managed clients
- Housing First Request for Qualifications Statements (RFQS) Solicitation
 - Extended for 2 weeks
 - To establish a contract with one or more qualified nonprofit or governmental agencies to provide operation management and support services for converted motels
 - Will close on May 28th by 2 PM to Central Purchasing
 - More information on the solicitation and how to apply can be found here
https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134322
- COVID19 Response Funding Implementation Team
 - Has been charged with developing a plan on how best to align the various funding sources for COVID19 response
 - Looking for feedback from local homelessness service providers
 - 11 question survey
 - Should take less then 20 minutes to complete
 - To access follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JTWHJM>
 - Please forward the link to help spread the word to other local service providers who may want to be involved

- Travis County Update
 - Seeking applications from Agencies for the use of Travis County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Approximately \$700,000 to respond to COVID19 in Travis County
 - Application can be accessed here
<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>

Agency Updates

Dylan Shubitz-HACA (via the chat)

- Local Policy and Practice Committee will meet this Wednesday at 9:30am
 - If you want an invite please contact DylanS@hacanet.org

ECHO Updates:

- This Week's Meeting Schedule:
 - VAWA Housing Protections: C-19 Support and Resource Training 2-3 PM
 - Collaboration between ECHO and SAFE Alliance
 - Email lauraevanoff@austinecho.org if you're interested or have questions or
 - Follow the link outlined here Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433095325>
 - Meeting ID: 814 3309 5325
 - One tap mobile +13462487799,,81433095325# US (Houston)
 - Virtual Feedback session: Austin Public Health and ECHO COVID19 Response Funding Team Meeting
 - Tuesday 1-2 PM and
 - Friday 2-3 PM
 - If you need more information or want to be included email
andrewwillard@austinecho.org
 - Emergency Shelter Task Group Wednesday at 12-1 PM
 - Street Outreach COVID19 Coordination Wednesday at 2:30-3:30 PM
 - COVID19 Criminal Justice and Homeless Response Coordination Friday at 10:30-11:30 AM
 - If you need more information or want to be included email
andrewwillard@austinecho.org

Chat Box

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:00 AM

SAFE and ECHO are hosting a virtual training today at 2:00. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81433095325>

Meeting ID: 814 3309 5325

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From larafoss to Everyone: 09:04 AM

Happy Monday morning everybody.

For demographic breakdowns and more information on COVID-19, you can visit the <http://austintexas.gov/covid19>

Risk based guidelines

<https://austintexas.gov/news/new-risk-based-guidelines-help-community-stay-safe-during-covid-19-pandemic>

If any programs have capacity to serve clients at these Pro-lodge sites, please contact Vella Karman at Vella.Karman@austintexas.gov

Please include information regarding trash pickup needs for encampments in the EAT Initiative 1,2,3 survey when food is distributed in the community or send this information to michelle.myles@austintexas.gov

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of Eating Apart Together please contact Zach Shlachter (zach.shlachter@austintexas.gov).

From zack shlachter to Everyone: 09:05 AM

quick correction - Zack.Shlachter@austintexas.gov

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:08 AM

New COVID-19 dashboard - both a desktop and mobile version, you can access them at <http://austintexas.gov/covid19>

Sorry Zack!!!!

Interactive resource map:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/resource-sites-map-covid-19-response>

More information about the RFQS solicitation and how to apply can be found at the following link:

https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134322

The COVID 19 Response Funding Implementation Team is looking for feedback from our local Homelessness Service providers.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JTWBJM>

Travis County application opportunity <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/cdbg>.

From Dylan Shubitz to Everyone: 09:11 AM

Loca Policy and Practice Committee will meet this Wednesday at 930. if anyone wants an invite please let me know. DylanS@hacanet.org thanks Andrew!

From Andrew Willard to Everyone: 09:11 AM

Welcome!