

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 1, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/7N1xNu7cr2hOHIXozVPgC6waAoHZaaa82iIW-qYLMExAGCTULBM6m0Nrv07Vzckt>

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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers
May 1st Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



ECHO – Local Operations



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Monday, May 4th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Vella Karmen

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

- 1654 COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 47 deaths and 462 people recovered
 - At least 38 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 10 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>
- 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
 - <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
 - Click “take self-assessment” button to create an account and complete the questionnaire listing symptoms
- Order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority encourages everyone to wear a fabric mask when outside the home or in public
 - Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals in still in affect
- Quarantine/Isolation accommodations
 - ProLodges 1, 2, and 3 are operational and at full capacity

- Looking into setting up ProLodge 4
- Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge 1, 2, and 3
- Front Steps is providing on site case managed for people in ProLodges.
- If other programs have capacity to work with people staying at ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, vella.karmen@austintexas.gov
- Food access for people experiencing homelessness; Eating Apart Together (EAT)
 - Receiving regular shipments of shelf-stable food from the Central Texas Food Bank
 - Looking into other sources of shelf-stable food
 - 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
 - City is looking for community partners/volunteers to assist with distributing prepared meals on the weekends
 - 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
- Communications
 - The City put out a memo on homelessness and COVID-19 earlier this week <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=339355>
 - The Joint Information System put out a release on increasing testing capabilities and the Public Testing Enrollment Form. <http://austintexas.gov/news/covid-19-testing-capabilities-continue-expand-throughout-austin-travis-county>
 - APH expects to administer 2000 test a week
- DACC
 - Continues to offer walk in case management triage services, 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday
 - Served 611 individuals total since March 16th

ECHO Updates – Matt Mollica

- Provided an overview of a memo City Council from the City Manager’s office, <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=339355>
 - See linked memo or meeting recording for information on the different objectives identified and how coordination groups are working on those objectives. Coordination groups include:
 - Project management team
 - Hotels/Motels implementation team
 - Emergency shelter and unsheltered implementation team
 - Funding strategies implementation team
 - Rehousing strategies implementation team
- Schedule for Coordination Groups
 - Emergency Shelter Task Group
 - Wednesdays at noon
 - Contact Preston Petty, prestonpetty@austinecho.org
 - Street Outreach Coordination
 - Wednesdays at 2:30
 - Contact Katie Rose, katierose@austinecho.org
 - Criminal Justice and Homeless Response Coordination
 - Fridays at 10:30
 - Contact Niki Kozak, nikikozak@austinecho.org
 - Healthcare and Homeless Response System Coordination
 - Fridays at 8am

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Agency Updates

- CommunityCare Healthcare for the Homeless
 - Hotline now open- 512-978-8850. warm line staffed by case managers Mon-Fri 8-4:30.
 - Call for same day or next day appointments, prescription refills, or general questions
 - ARCH clinic is open, Mon-Thurs. Individuals can let ARCH staff know they want to be seen in the clinic.
 - Conducting COVID-19 testing
 - Mobile team is back out at Sunrise Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. COVID screening/testing available as well as regular medical visits.
 - On Monday May 4th, CommunityCare will doing another “surveillance day” where people, even those without symptoms, can be tested for COVID-19

Chat Box

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Good morning. Happy Friday

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For demographic breakdowns and more information, you can visit the <http://austintexas.gov/covid19> web site

Laura Evanoff

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

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The Austin Youth Collective would be good to reach out to

Andrew Willard

That's definitely a good thought, and their input would be impactful.

Andrew Willard

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dxcaDarilynn Cardona-Beiler

Thank you Audrey! You guys are awesome!

Larisa Corder

thanks Andrew !!