

Sent to Partnership Members on March 17th: Guidance Coming from the State to CoCs re: Accommodating Unsheltered People Who are Homeless in Motels.

See the supplemental documents and message below:

- [COVID-19 Isolation and/or Quarantine for Individuals who are at Risk of Infection](#)
- [State of California: Emergency Occupancy Agreement](#)
- [Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development: Recommended Covid-19 Essential Built Environment Elements For Medical Quarantine](#)
- [Services Considerations](#)

Please ensure this email is shared with ALL of the following people: your county welfare director, county OES director, county public health director, tribes, and homelessness continuums of care in your county. **There is information below on potential capacity options, and also a mandatory survey from CalOES.**

Important note: Local and tribal governments should continue any independent efforts to secure congregate shelter opportunities within their own jurisdictions. If local or tribal governments identify opportunities for any leases, congregate capacity or isolation capacity, they are advised to move forward with those leases independently of the following information. Also, **existing mission-tasking protocols through OES for tents, services, and supplies continues to be available**, at county discretion.

CAPACITY NEEDS

To the extent outreach is occurring, the State strongly encourages prioritizing individuals 65 and older.

We are providing a variety of information here to assist with any capacity needs your county may have. **Counties and their local partners are expected pay for the lease and wraparound services (operations, feeding, sanitation, janitorial, etc.).** This is an eligible use of HEAP or HHAP funding for persons experiencing homelessness. *More info regarding funding is below in the FISCAL section.*

These space capacity needs may be related to any of the following populations:

1. Persons tested positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization but need isolation;
2. Persons exposed or potentially exposed to COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization;
3. Persons needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, particularly for high-risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic diseases; and
4. Unsheltered populations, which may or may not include any of the categories above.

ATTACHMENTS

Included with this email are:

- A. A list of hotels that *potentially* may be suitable for these populations. The owners of these properties may or may not be willing to lease their properties, or may have a population preference among #1-4 above.
- B. A list of wraparound services to help you think through what is necessary / should be considered to operate these facilities.

- C. An isolation protocol checklist based on CDC guidance, should you need it to assess hotel suitability for Populations 1 and 2 above.
- D. Guidance on operations for Population 4 above.
- E. A draft of the leasing template developed by the State Department of General Services. This template was shared with major hotel chains/brands through the national hotel association. They are familiar with it, and it provides some standard expectations and considerations. It is NOT mandated for use if you choose to lease a facility, yet may be useful for your legal team.

The State is inventorying travel trailers and mobile home units too. As they become available, they can be distributed to counties through the request process immediately below. Over 250 already are available.

STATE CONTACT FOR THIS OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

If your county would like the State to assist with this effort and negotiate with hotel property owners or for wraparound services, please put your request into Cal EOC and notify CDSS directly by emailing "JR" Antablian (George.Antablian@dss.ca.gov) with the following info, as best you know it at this time, as applicable to your request:

1. Name of County
2. Population(s) from list above for whom space is needed
3. Number of rooms needed
4. Starting when (be specific)
5. For how long
6. Service(s) for which contract assistance is requested
7. Contact information for the county point of contact for follow-up

FISCAL MATTERS

All government entities taking actions to protect public health and safety should submit a request for Public Assistance to CalOES to secure reimbursement from FEMA consistent with the President's emergency declaration. This funding provides a 75 percent federal reimbursement. Private non-profits taking actions at the direction of local or tribal governments should keep a detailed accounting of COVID-19 related costs to submit back to that government agency for reimbursement.

Please note: Increased costs associated with caring for *existing* patients (i.e. senior care facilities that need more staffing) likely is not eligible for FEMA money.

If counties are unable to fund leases and/or services, please do not let that deter you from following the request procedures outlined above.

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