

NON-CONGREGATE APPROACHES TO SHELTERING FOR COVID-19 HOMELESS RESPONSE

Continuums of Care considering non-congregate approaches to sheltering people who are homeless that are symptomatic or in high risk categories, such as seniors or people with chronic illness, should consider the following guidance when designing local approaches. Coordination with public health partners is essential in design, resource investment and staffing considerations.

PLACEMENT: Comprehensive screening and triage in place to refer to site and prioritize placement

	Best Practice Approach: Private Individual Rooms	Better Approach: Individual Rooms/Semi-Private Spaces	Good Approach: Shared Spaces
Target Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who are symptomatic after screening at shelter has been implemented Individuals who are pending testing or are close contacts of confirmed cases Individuals who are high riskⁱ with or without symptoms Individuals who are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive who do not need to be hospitalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who are symptomatic after screening at shelter has been implemented Individuals who are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive who do not need to be hospitalized as long as all individuals in the space are COVID-19 positive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who are confirmed to be COVID-19 positive who do not need to be hospitalized as long as all individuals in the space are COVID-19 positive Individuals who are asymptomatic after screening at shelter has been implemented as long as all individuals in the space are asymptomatic.
Set-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual bedroom (walls on all sides and a door) Individual bathroom Individual HCV Personal cleaning supplies for an ill person's room and bathroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual bedroom (walls on all sides and a door) If no existing walls, makeshift walls that are floor to ceiling should be created to create 6ft separation Limited shared bathroom with cleaning regiment Bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected after each use by an ill person Dedicate an entrance(s) or passageway(s) for infectious individuals when feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared bedroom spaces with 6ft separation Makeshift walls that are floor to ceiling (if feasible) should be created Arrange all sleeping areas (including beds/cots) so that individuals are separated by putting a minimum of 6 feet between individual sleeping surfaces to prevent the spread of infections. Shared bathroom Bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected after each use by an ill person Dedicate an entrance(s) or passageway(s) for infectious individuals when feasible.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite healthcare Transportation plan for closest hospital transport Staff shifts and crew configuration Cleaning schedules PPE available for staff Non-Congregate site management staff Case management staff Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying dedicated staff to care for COVID-19 patients. Telehealth options PPE available for staff Non-Congregate site management staff Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying dedicated staff to care for COVID-19 patients. Telehealth options PPE available for staff Non-Congregate site management staff Security

ⁱ Center for Disease Control: Corona Virus 2019 (COVID 19) *Are you at higher risk for severe illness?*
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>