

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
Weekly Shelter Provider COVID-19 Zoom Call #28
Wednesday, September 16, 2020; 10:30am-11:30am

Participants/Programs Represented:

Building Futures, HCEB, Dorothy Day House, EOCP, Eden I&R/211, City of Union City/Youth & Family Services, Salvation Army, Alameda County SSA-AAS, City of Emeryville, BFHP Albany, First Pres Hayward/South Hayward Parish, City of Hayward, FPCH NIN SB, St. Vincent de Paul, Swords to Plowshares, St. Mary's Center, Fred Finch Turning Point Program, Tri Valley Haven, Family Bridges, CityTeam, Abode Services, Roots Community Center, Washington Hospital, AHS

1. Introduction: This is the 28th weekly call hosted by the Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless program. Calls will be **every Wednesday at 10:30am-11:30am on Zoom.**

- Thank you for all your hard work! This is a marathon not a sprint, so take care of you so that we can continue to support our shelter community and those who are unhoused.
- The purpose of this call is to bring together countywide shelter providers to share updates, knowledge, practices, build supportive community, and develop effective responses to protect our health and the health of the persons living in our shelter environments.
- To be added to the email list, contact Kathy Barron at kathryn.barron@acgov.org.
- If shelter staff have specific issues or challenges with individuals who may be symptomatic, infected or at-risk of COVID-19, email achch@acgov.org with details so we can follow up.

2. Grounding Exercise:

Breathing exercise- breathe in for 4 seconds, hold for 1 second, breathe out for 5 seconds. Repeat. Breathe in positive things you have been observing/experiencing. Breathe out negativity/stress.

3. Situation Report:

David Modersbach, Health Care for the Homeless

- Refer to [Alameda County COVID-19 Dashboards](#)
 - Countywide totals as of 9/16/2020: 20,097 confirmed cases, 356 deaths
 - Alameda County is giving 3,100 tests per day
 - Positivity rate 5%
 - 156 people confirmed positive (shelters/street sites)

ACHCH:

- Outbreak response: 52 different shelter or street sites

- Over 1500 tests given; positivity rate for homeless is a little over 3%
- Check Alameda County Public Health website for testing sites; <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing.page>
- Transmission continues to disproportionately impact communities of color
- ACHCH is still distributing supplies for shelters and outreach providers. Contact David Modersbach or Kari Jennings-Parriott if you need supplies.

Looking at other counties, we have a considerably low rate of outbreaks in shelters. Testament to all of the hard work you are doing. Appreciate all of you and your creativity to support the unhoused community. Please continue to remind residents to wear a mask, wash hands, and practice social distancing.

4. City and County Check-in:

Lucy Kasdin, Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

- Continue to refer to Operation Comfort
- Safer Ground sites are at capacity or very close to capacity, except the Livermore site
- Safer Ground sites: currently at an occupancy of 902; maximum occupancy is 1,036
- Safer Ground site goal is 15% of the PIT Count; we are 103% of PIT Count. There aren't any plans to bring on more Safer Ground sites. We are planning exits to permanent housing.
- No public facing document of Safer Ground sites. Don't like to publicize Safer Ground sites because of the stigma and we don't want people showing up thinking they can get into the program (referral process only). Contact Lucy if questions.

Jessica Lobedan, City of Hayward

- Distributed all the masks we received from ACHCH
- Planning for winter shelters

Emi Theriault, City of Emeryville

- Openings at Family shelter; contact East Oakland Community Partnership to set up an appointment

Kari Jennings-Parriott, Health Care for the Homeless

- Frontline Workers Counseling Project; www.fwcp.org
- Flu survey will be sent out again today
- Census 2020; contact Alessia Simmonds - Alessia.simmonds@acgov.org or (831) 998-4441
- Voting: information flyers to register to vote being sent out

Lars Eric Holm, Eden I&R/211

- Presented on Disaster Preparedness (see attached slides)

5. Highlights:

- Census 2020
- Register to Vote
- Frontline Workers Counseling Project; www.fwcp.org
- Flu survey
- Reach out to your community for resources you need.

Thank you all! Remember all of the successes you and your staff are accomplishing! Be compassionate in your care for yourself and others!