

HOMELESSNESS PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATES

Metro Homeless Impact Division

SHELTER UPDATE

- March 15: Safer at Home order
- March 17: RITI forced to shut down winter shelter program
- March 26: Metro opens Social Distancing Shelter at Fairgrounds
- Early April: Metro first uses Isolation/Quarantine Shelter at Fairgrounds

MASS TESTING IN SHELTERS

- April 29: 235 tested at the Metro shelter
 - 18 tested positive, plus 1 staff (8%)
- April 30: 395 people tested at the Men's campus of Nashville Rescue Mission
 - 100 tested positive
 - 9 indeterminate
 - 12 pending(28% considered positive)
- Nashville has 3 testing sites for general population – 10% test positive

ENCAMPMENT APPROACH

- Week of March 16: Outreach collaboration (food boxes) & 14 Sanitation Stations placed
- Week of March 23: www.homelessnashville.com
- Week of March 30: Food box distribution started
- Currently: 250 food boxes per week delivered
- April 14: Health Care & Encampments
- April 17: Neighborhood Health publishes Pandemic Handbook for Outreach Workers
- April 21: Local Webinar on Encampments

THE SALVATION ARMY

- The Salvation Army activated by TEMA – April Calvin
- Partners who work on encampments:
The Salvation Army, MHID, Village at Glencliff, Open Table Nashville, The Bridge Ministry, Mental Health Cooperative, Shower The People, People Loving Nashville, Second Harvest Food Bank, Shower Up, Vanderbilt Street Psychiatry, and others.
- Laminated “Encampment Cards” are distributed along with food boxes with basic information
- Goal: Deliver basic needs, coordinate to avoid a lot of traffic in and out of encampments

MOTEL VOUCHER DEMONSTRATION

- Partnership with Community Care Fellowship to house
 - To move 15-20 most vulnerable people in encampments into motels
 - Referral through Coordinated Entry
 - Adjusted prioritization tool for COVID-19 consideration
- The Frist Foundation donated \$40,000
- Bloomberg Associates to help with evaluation
- Budget template available for motel voucher program