COVID Response

In lieu of non-congregate shelter options available, NACC shelter partners rapidly implemented COVID-19 response and recovery designed for ‘congregate’ shelter. However, NACC partners continue to advocate for prioritizing long-term, non-congregate solutions such as hotel/motel leases or purchases, permanent affordable housing access, etc.

CDC Recommendations for Congregate Shelter

- Plan for high shelter usage during an outbreak and ensure communications, protocols, sites, and supplies are staged for prevention and response. Provide adequate space for physical distancing, more space between sleeping beds, and to reduce crowding.
- Implement consistent surveillance for individual triage and signs of spread.
- Identify space that can be used to accommodate clients with mild respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19, isolate from others, and monitor recovery.
- Identify those who could be at high risk for complications from COVID-19 (who are older or have underlying health conditions). Work toward separation from high exposure.
- Unless individual housing units are available, do not clear encampments during community spread of COVID-19. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community, increase potential for infectious disease spread, and break connections with service providers monitoring public health impacts.

Reconfiguration of Shelter Sites

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<td>NACC Supervised COVID Response Camp</td>
<td>City of Fort Collins Police, Parks Services; Temporary, supervised camp; Response to COVID-19; CDC Recommendations; 20-60 Tents; 5-15 Vehicles; *Currently through April 26</td>
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The NACC Site was established for temporary COVID-19 public health response for people experiencing homelessness. The site is currently restricted by the City of Fort Collins to the duration of the State ‘stay-at-home’ orders through April 26. Alternate solutions to prevent spread of COVID-19 will be necessary. Hundreds will continue to need emergency shelters while the virus in still actively spreading in the community and ‘congregate’ settings will continue to be highly vulnerable.

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Emergency Response Hub

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<th>Day Shelter &amp; COVID-19 Response Operations Partners: Homeward Alliance, Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, Health District</th>
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COVID-19 Prevention

- Symptomatic and urgent conditions receive immediate medical attention
- Referrals to NACC Triage & Recovery Center for Symptomatic
- Visual, verbal screening daily at entry
- Temperature checks at meal services and overnight site check-ins
- Public health workers onsite all day for symptom surveillance and referrals
- Physical distancing, symptom surveillance, and prevention education
- Operations Adjustments to reduce crowding, encouraging physical distancing
- Monitoring those at-risk
- Department of Health Epidemiologists onsite addressing virus mitigation (Norovirus/COVID)
- Masks provided, especially to those exhibiting respiratory symptoms
- Meals, coffee, water dispensed by staff in prepped portions (no communal sources)
- Posters and educational materials posted throughout building

Environmental Cleaning

- Supervised and required handwashing at meals
- Increased facility and restroom cleaning schedules with recommended anti-viral cleaning agents
- High-touch surfaces, tables disinfected many times daily
- Rocky Mountain Biohazard Waste removal and expertise
- Air monitoring by CSU Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences

Emergency Shelter & Basic Needs Services

- Three meals per day
- Bathrooms
- Showers (by lottery)
- Continuity of Social Services: Case Management; Health Care Navigation
- Mental Health supports through SummitStone
- Health Partners onsite and on call
- Hygiene supplies
- 24/7 Security and Safety Monitoring provided by Precision Security
- Guest Registration at Entry and for Service Utilization
- Mail, lockers, laundry accessible during reduced hours at Murphy Center

NACC C-19 Triage & Recovery Services

Provided by Health District of Northern Larimer County
- • COVID-Symptomatic isolation and assessment
- • Regular symptom monitoring by health district staff
- • Onsite COVID testing (results within 24-48 hours)
- • Overnight stays while pending results
- • Onsite isolation and recovery surge beds
- • Severely ill patients immediately to hospital
- • Referrals and transport to respite site for COVID-positive recovery
- • Access to COVID Recovery Case Manager
- • Onsite and on call behavioral health support

NACC Off-site Option

- Alternate, ADA-compliant site prepared
- Leased, equipped, and staffed
- Up to 10 clients referred from NACC based on public health emergency need
- Currently assessing best use
- Prepped for overflow and surge capacity
- Possible uses: persons at-risk, underlying conditions (respiratory illness, heart disease, persons with disabilities, etc.), COVID positive

Larimer County Isolation Site

1501 Blue Spruce
- • 10 beds (for County)
- Specific criteria are:
- • At discharge point from in-patient hospital stay for acute respiratory issues with rule-out of other illnesses and pending COVID-19 test result.
- • OR: Positive COVID-19 test result registered with Larimer County Public Health & Environment.

Referrals:
- • From hospital discharge come in via email to the Larimer County Emergency Operations Center for validation/eligibility of the client.
- • Referrals from positive tests without hospital stay come from Epi Task Force via Larimer County EOC.

All media who wish to visit inside the site and talk with staff are by appointment only. Any photos of guests at Northside Aztlán Community Center property must obtain a signed photo release to be published in media. Please direct media inquiries for appointments to: holly@homeward2020.org.