

The City of Lancaster is working closely with Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), as well as a multitude of local service providers and community partners / resources to immediately respond to, develop, and implement a coordinated Coronavirus (COVID-19) response related to people experiencing homelessness. As this is an emerging, rapidly evolving issue, we remain committed to finding responsive, intentional, and adaptable solutions for our unhoused community members during this COVID-19 pandemic.

As a community we have:

- Provided toiletries and disinfectant cleaning supplies to our local Homeless Shelter.
- Provided meals for 90+ people experiencing homelessness at our local Homeless Shelter.
- Received 100 hygiene kits that have been distributed at homeless encampments.
- In partnership with LAHSA, deployed handwashing stations near homeless encampments.
- Established our Winter Shelter will not close on March 31, 2020, but rather will remain open through October 2020.
- Strengthened our partnership with Destination Lancaster (hoteliers), by identifying and planning for 2 quarantine centers and other temporary housing options for homeless families.
- Expedited lease-up and move-in, for persons experiencing homeless, into Kensington Campus.
- Targeted outreach to the most venerable homeless—elderly and sick.

As a community we will:

- Fully occupy all 100 Permanent Supportive Housing units at Kensington Campus next month.
- Identify facilities for additional homeless pop-up shelters and testing/medical facilities.
- Support the opening of another regional Homeless Shelter.
- Prioritize and increase food/resource procurement to meet the current, critical homeless needs.
- Feed 50+ homeless families, living in temporary lodging with food insecurity.
- Identify the breadth and scope of resources that will be allocated to the City through Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order authorizing \$150 million in funding for emergency aid to local governments to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19.

Our Continuum of Care--Los Angeles Housing Services Authority's (LAHSA) efforts include:

- Monitoring the developments related to COVID-19 and taking appropriate measures to prepare for a possible outbreak among people experiencing homelessness.
- Actively working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Co-locating a LAHSA representative at the Emergency Operations Center for the State of California to increase coordination between the State and Los Angeles County.
- Expecting to receive \$10.5 million in funding, as a result of the state funding release announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom Wednesday,
- Providing outreach teams with additional training on best practices for addressing a coronavirus outbreak.
- Procuring additional sanitation equipment for outreach teams for their personal protection and to assist vulnerable people on our streets including masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.
- Notifying staff, partners, and providers about best practices to prevent and prepare for a coronavirus outbreak (general information and how to keep staff safe).
- Working with the Department of Health Services to develop and disseminate training specifically for outreach and shelter providers.

For residents wishing to support the homeless community through volunteering or donations please call Grace Resources at (661) 940-5272.

For residents desiring information on homeless services please call: SPA 1 Lead, Valley Oasis at (661) 942-2758.

For LAHSA updates and information about COVID-19 re: homelessness visit [LAHSA's website](#).