



Temporary Holding and Isolation Center (HIC) for People Experiencing Homelessness

Rationale: People experiencing homelessness are considered high-risk for COVID-19 due to their potential congregate living situation and comorbid health issues.

Goals:

- 1) To provide supportive care to people who are experiencing homelessness and have COVID-19
- 2) To prevent transmission of the coronavirus in communal living centers.
- 3) To reduce transmission of the coronavirus to the broader community by providing a holding and isolation space for people experiencing homelessness.

Eligibility: Eligible guests are men and women, aged 18 years and older who are currently experiencing homelessness and are medically stable. They are awaiting a COVID-19 test or have had a COVID-19 test and are awaiting results or have already tested positive for COVID-19 but do not require hospitalization.

Location: The HIC is located at the Guiding Light Mission. One section of the building is for holding guests who are awaiting test results. Another section of the building is for guests in isolation who are COVID-19 positive.

The building has rooms with beds, a bathroom and shower area, a common area, and a workspace for nurses. There are laundry facilities, and a fenced-in area for guests to smoke. Rooms are private or semi-private. There is also a large bunk room for overflow. Men and women are housed in separate hallways.

Staffing: The HIC is staffed by KCHD Public Health Nurses seven days a week from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. and the MABAS Division 3603 EMS Strike Team procured by Kent County Emergency Management from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. A nurse supervisor is always on-call by phone. Other staff include monitors for holding guests, a site manager and a security guard. There is a volunteer cleaner and runner every day. Staffing is increased or decreased according to the census and acuity of guests.

Capacity: The HIC has the capacity for 9 holding guests awaiting test results and 50 guests in isolation. The average length of isolation is 6-7 days.

Food: Meals are prepared and delivered by the Salvation Army twice a day.