

State of California COVID-19 Recommended Protocol for People Experiencing Homelessness

STEP 0:
Current status

In medical care

In a shelter

Unsheltered

STEP 1:
Screening check

Check done while in medical facility

Basic screening check done by shelter/outreach staff.

if individual answers yes to triage questions, connect to centralized health staff for further evaluation and placement recommendation.

If determined low likelihood COVID+, place based on “not positive” categorization in Step 2.

See attached page for screening check procedure.

STEP 2:
Priority & wellness categorization

Treated & discharged (but still contagious)

Self-presenting & discharged

COVID + or PUI

Presumed COVID – & HIGH risk of complications

Presumed COVID – & LOW risk of complications

COVID + or PUI

If HIGH risk & limited ADLs

If LOW risk & ADL independent

STEP 3:
Move to destination

Alternative Care Center

Motels, Hotels, or Trailers

Remain in current status (in shelter or unsheltered)

NOTE: Separate locations for COVID + vs. COVID -

NOTE: Shelter should meet social distancing protocol & unsheltered protocols should follow CDC guidance.