



## Chicago Coordinated Entry Temporary Prioritization Plan 2.0

The Coordinated Entry (CE) Leadership Team has adopted changes to the Temporary Prioritization Plan. Please see the updated plan, timeline, additional details and FAQ and answers below.

### Temporary CE Prioritization Plan 2.0

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| CDPH Approved Priority Population | Households at high-risk of severe complications from COVID-19 as defined by the Centers for Disease Control  |
| Program Participants              | Households currently enrolled in a shelter, outreach, drop-in, supportive services, or housing system navigation program will be prioritized above people not enrolled in any homeless program |
| Set-Asides                        | 10% Set-Aside for Youth (Ages 18-24, with or without children)<br><br>10% Set-Aside for Unsheltered Households<br><br>20% Set-Aside for Families   |

### Temporary Prioritization Timeline

| Date                   | Activity  |
|------------------------|---|
| April 28, 2020         | The Coordinated Entry (CE) Leadership Team adopted a temporary prioritization plan in response to COVID-19 and following the guidance of the Chicago Department of Public Health Department (CDPH).   |
| May 11, 2020           | This initial temporary plan was implemented.  |
| June 23, 2020          | This CE Leadership Team reviewed recommendations from the Chicago Homelessness & Health Response Group for Equity and the Illinois Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics that were also approved by the Chicago Department of Public Health. This includes three revisions and maintains the previously established set-asides. |
| June 26 – July 6, 2020 | Community input was collected through a survey and feedback sessions.   |
| July 7, 2020           | The CE Leadership team reviewed community input and adopted CE Temporary Prioritization Plan 2.0.   |
| July 21, 2020          | Implementation plans were finalized.  |
| August 3, 2020         | Start date for Temporary Prioritization Plan 2.0.   |
| September, 2020        | Anticipated start time for Accelerated Moving Events to be held at shelters, drop-in centers, and encampments to support large scale movement of households into Rapid Rehousing.   |

August, 2020



### **High Risk Criteria**

- The [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC) defines individuals who are or may be at high risk of serious illness due to COVID-19 as those who meet one of the following criteria:
  1. By Age:
    - Age 60 or above
    - [Age 12 months or below](#)
  2. Any age with an underlying health condition including asthma, cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, HIV or AIDS, liver disease, neurologic problems such as dementia, organ transplant, serious blood problems, serious heart condition, severe obesity, stroke or mini-strokes, long term steroid use, dependent on oxygen or a breathing machine, people who are immunocompromised, and pregnant women.
  3. Children with the above or multiple serious and complicated health problems requiring special doctors and services, brain or nerve problems like cerebral palsy, multiple seizures a day, or ongoing loss of the ability to do typical things for their age, a major genetic condition like Down Syndrome, a major problem with the heart present at birth (congenital heart disease), or a condition which is considered life limiting.

### **Housing Set-Asides**

Youth, families with children, and unsheltered participants can qualify for the above priority population and are also part of cohorts with housing set-asides. The set-asides are meant to ensure housing commitments for these populations while this temporary plan is in effect.

- This prioritization plan maintains the previously committed and implemented 10% set-aside for youth.

### **Racial Equity**

In recognition of the way racism permeates systems, it is imperative that the implementation of this plan accounts for systemic racialized inequities and works to create and sustain equitable access for people of color. The CE Leadership Team will review disaggregated data to ensure people of color are identified and housed at a rate that is proportionate to their makeup of homeless households in Chicago. This team will make adjustments to the CE temporary prioritization plan as needed to make certain it is racially equitable.



## **Coordinated Entry Temporary Prioritization 2.0 Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: When does this temporary prioritization plan begin?**

A: This plan begins during the first week of August, 2020

### **Q: How are people being identified?**

A: Providers will collect and share data with Catholic Charities and CE lead entities to identify households at risk of COVID-19 complications.

### **Q: How will information be collected?**

A: Providers will share information through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

### **Q: Does this mean people who are not enrolled in a program will not be matched?**

A: Program enrollment is a prioritization factor but not an eligibility criteria. People who are enrolled in programs will be matched for housing opportunities they are eligible for above those who are not enrolled in a homeless program. In sub-populations where there are more housing resources than high risk individuals who are enrolled in homeless programs, those who are not enrolled in a program will be matched to housing. In this case it is highly likely that Veterans who are not enrolled in a homeless program will be matched to housing.

### **Q: How does this impact people who are unsheltered?**

A: There are people who are unsheltered and at high risk for COVID-19 complications due to their age and/or conditions. The set-asides exist to ensure a minimum percentage of the cohort is matched to housing, so unsheltered people who are not at high risk of COVID-19 complications will be matched if the percentage of unsheltered households matched to housing falls below 10%.

### **Q: What are Accelerated Moving Events (AME) and how do these events connect to Coordinated Entry?**

A: AME's are events scheduled at specific locations such as shelters, drop-in centers, and encampments to connect multiple households to housing providers and units. Our community goal is 60 households per week. Catholic Charities uses the AME schedule to match high risk households at each location. Everyone at high risk of COVID-19 complications in each location will be matched to housing while resources are available.

### **Q: Are families with multiple high risk household members considered to be more at risk than families with one high risk household member?**

A: All families with at least one high risk household member are considered to be high risk and will be prioritized for housing without further medical tie-breakers.

### **Q: How long will this temporary plan last?**

A: The CE Leadership is monitoring the data and practices on a monthly basis and will continue to discuss metrics for shifting back to the prior plan that is based on length of homelessness.