

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

STEP 3:
Move to destination

Alternative Care Center

Motels, Hotels,
or Trailers

If in shelter,
remain in current status

If unsheltered,
provide available shelter options

If HIGH risk & limited ADLs

If LOW risk & ADL independent

NOTE: Separate locations for COVID + vs. COVID -

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