



Chicago Coordinated Entry Temporary Prioritization Plan

On 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). This team will review data related to this temporary prioritization and the changing landscape of COVID-19 on June 23, 2020. This plan may be continued or adjusted then or in future monthly reviews.

Temporary CE Prioritization Plan

CDPH Recommended Priority Population Set-Asides	Households at High Risk for Serious Illness due to COVID-19 and Tested Negative *10% Set-Aside for Youth (Ages 18-24, with or without children) 10% Set-Aside for Unsheltered Households 20% Set-Aside for Families
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High Risk Criteria

- CDPH defines individuals at high risk of serious illness due to COVID-19 as those who:
 1. Are over the age of 60 and/or
 2. Are any age and have underlying health conditions identified by the CDC as risk factors¹, including moderate to severe asthma, chronic lung disease, poorly-controlled diabetes, serious heart conditions, chronic kidney disease, severe obesity, liver disease, or people who are immunocompromised.

Housing Set-Asides

The CDPH recommended priority population will include youth, families and unsheltered participants. These three cohorts will also have set-asides; ensuring housing commitments for these sub-populations while this temporary plan is in effect. Individuals who are at high risk of serious illness due to COVID-19 will be prioritized within all populations.

* This prioritization plan maintains the previously implemented 10% set-aside for youth, continuing this much needed practice.

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 therefore 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, tested, assessed 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.

¹ See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html>.