

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

NOTE: Separate locations for
COVID + vs. COVID –

If in shelter,
remain in
current status

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

If unsheltered,
provide
available
shelter options