

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Coordinated Entry COVID-19 Prioritization Standards

Effective Date: September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021

Policy: In order to quickly house homeless individuals who are at increased risk for severe complications from COVID-19, Coordinated Entry will prioritize individuals with priority factors, as outlined in the table below, for all Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing openings, regardless of funding source during the period of September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021. The prioritization standards will be evaluated at three months. At the end of this period, Coordinated Entry Prioritization Standards will revert back to the existing standards.

| Project Type | Eligibility | COVID-19 Prioritization Standards |
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| Rapid Re-Housing | Literally Homeless Cat 1&4 and VI-SPDAT Score Range: 4-7 or F-VI-SPDAT Score Range: 4-8 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Answered "Yes" on the VI-SPDAT/F-VI-SPDAT for "Do you (or any family members) have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs, or heart?"¹ 2. Any household member age 55 or older 3. Survivor Prioritization 4. Sleeping in an unsheltered location² 5. Earliest enrollment date in HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | Literally Homeless Cat 1&4 , Chronic Homeless , and VI-SPDAT Score Range: 8+ or F-VI-SPDAT Score Range: 9+ | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Answered "Yes" on the VI-SPDAT/F-VI-SPDAT for "Do you (or any family members) have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs, or heart?"¹ 2. Any household member age 55 or older 3. Survivor Prioritization 4. Sleeping in an unsheltered location² 5. Earliest enrollment date in HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database |

For more information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (2020). *People who are at increased risk for severe illness*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-increased-risk.html>

CDC. (2020). *People experiencing homelessness*. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/homelessness.html>

Department of Housing and Urban Development. (2020). *Homeless System Response: Changes to Coordinated Entry Prioritization to Support and Respond to COVID-19*. Retrieved from <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6033/homeless-system-response-changes-to-coordinated-entry-prioritization-to-support-and-respond-to-covid19/>

¹ This is question 16 on the VI-SPDAT and 20 on the F-VI-SPDAT. These questions are to be used as a guide and the household's reporting of chronic health issues should be discussed again during case conferencing.

² This is question 1 on the VI-SPDAT and 5 on the F-VI-SPDAT. These questions are to be used as a guide and the household's sleeping location should be discussed again during case conferencing.