

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## Coordinated Entry COVID-19 Prioritization Standards

**Effective Date:** Beginning on September 1, 2020

**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. The CE COVID-19 Prioritization Standards will end when health officials determine special measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are no longer needed. At the end of this period, Coordinated Entry Prioritization Standards will revert back to the existing standards.

Project Type	Eligibility	COVID-19 Prioritization Standards
Rapid Re-Housing	<a href="#">Literally Homeless Cat 1&amp;4</a> and VI-SPDAT Score Range: 4-7 or F-VI-SPDAT Score Range: 4-8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?"<sup>1</sup></li> <li>2. Any household member age 55 or older</li> <li>3. Survivor Prioritization</li> <li>4. Sleeping in an unsheltered location<sup>2</sup></li> <li>5. Earliest enrollment date in HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database</li> </ol>
Permanent Supportive Housing	<a href="#">Literally Homeless Cat 1&amp;4</a> , <a href="#">Chronic Homeless</a> , and VI-SPDAT Score Range: 8+ or F-VI-SPDAT Score Range: 9+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?"<sup>1</sup></li> <li>2. Any household member age 55 or older</li> <li>3. Survivor Prioritization</li> <li>4. Sleeping in an unsheltered location<sup>2</sup></li> <li>5. Earliest enrollment date in HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database</li> </ol>

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/>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.