



# **Plan for Non-Congregate Shelters First Responders (EMS)**

## **1. Purpose**

This plan is developed in coordination with Franklin County Emergency Management (County), the Franklin County State Health Department (FCHD) and EMS Director for the housing of EMS that commute into Franklin County that might have been exposed COVID-19. These individuals would not be allowed to return home after their shift and would need to be housed in non-congregate shelters to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

## **2. Criteria**

- a. EMS individuals that meet the following criteria may be housed in non-congregate shelters.
  1. Exhibits symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g. fever, cough, or shortness of breath);
  2. Is waiting results of testing for COVID-19;
  3. Has tested positive for COVID-19;
  4. Has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been advised by healthcare professional to self-isolate.

## **3. Plan**

- a. Franklin County will use a county facility the Fort Coombs Armory, Franklin County Parks & REC at 66 4<sup>th</sup> St. Apalachicola, Florida for our non-congregate sheltering for EMS.
- b. Franklin County will use cots and sleeping bags for bedding and will use plastic separating curtains between patients.
- c. Salvation Army will be requested to bring in portable shower trailer.
- d. All meals will be catered in from local deli using FEMA's Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances Guidance (Procurement is not contingent on reimbursement, although FEMA Procurement policies will be used).
- e. Security will be provided by Franklin County Sheriff's office or Apalachicola Police Department.



#### **4. Procedure for Placement in Non-Congregate Shelters**

- a. The EMS director and FCHD will coordinate with the Franklin County EOC director when an individual meets one or more of the criteria listed in section 2. and needs placement in non-congregate shelter.
- b. The FCHD will perform daily check-ins with clients with Text Illness Monitoring System (TIM2) that have tested positive for COVID-19 to monitor the progress of their health.
- c. All individuals will remain in isolation in the non-congregate shelter until cleared by FCHD.

### **Plan for Non-Congregate Sheltering During a Pandemic (COVID-19) for Evacuations**

#### **1. Purpose**

To meet the Center for Disease Control (CDC), interim guideline to “confine individuals with mild respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection to individual rooms”, this plan is developed in coordination with Franklin County Emergency Management (County) and the Franklin County State Health Department (FCHD) for the housing of any potentially COVID-19 infected residents in non-congregate shelters to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during an evacuation.

#### **2. Criteria**

- a. Any individual that has been identified by FCHD to have been exposed to COVID-19 cannot be housed with the general population in an evacuation shelter or the special needs shelter. These individuals must meet one of the following criteria
  1. exhibits symptom of acute respiratory illness (e.g. fever, cough, or shortness of breath);
  2. is waiting results of testing for COVID-19;
  3. has tested positive for COVID-19



4. is a member of high -risk group that needs social distancing as precautionary measure, ***as determined by the FCHD***, such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions; or
5. has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been advised by healthcare professionals to self-isolate

### 3. Plan

- a. Local partners may include the county, cities will negotiate the procurement of hotel rooms and apartments to house individuals that meet one or more of the criteria listed in Section 2.
- b. Local partners will evaluate the cost, location (i.e. proximity to medical care), capacity (entire building or a wing/floor), and design of the hotel/ apartment (door that opens to the outside, rather than an internal hallway) for non-congregate placement.
- c. Hotel procurement and negotiations will follow FEMA’s Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstance Guidance and include a termination for convenience clause in contracts (Procurement is not contingent on reimbursement, although FEMA Procurement policies will be used).
- d. The hotel rooms may be available for county, city residents that meet one or more of the criteria listed in Section 2.
- e. Residents that have been identified that need non-congregate sheltering will be instructed to take all food and water and medications with them to the shelter.
- f. The FCHD will perform daily check-ins with the clients with Text Illness Monitoring System (TIM2) to monitor the progress of their health.
- g. All individuals will remain in isolation in the non-congregate shelter until Re-Entry is cleared for the county and then continue self-isolation at home.

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