COVID PREVENTION SPACES

MISSION

The mission of the Office of Homeless Services is to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring in Philadelphia. We mobilize available city, state, and federal resources through a network of nonprofit housing and homeless service providers to help people facing homelessness.

What is the COVID Prevention Space?

It is a hotel that is being temporarily repurposed to provide protective housing for people who are at highest risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19 as determined by the CDC.

This is a federally funded facility dedicated exclusively to those who are at highest risk for serious illness should they contract COVID-19. According to the CDC, the following groups are at highest risk:

- People over the age of 65; and
- People of any age with the following conditions are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
  - Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
  - Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher)
  - Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
  - Sickle cell disease
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Criteria for Admission

- Person belongs to one of the high-risk populations listed above
- High risk must be documented by a medical professional
- Person has been living in a congregate setting or on the street
- Person can take care of themselves with minimal medical care and can live independently in a hotel room
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