

A Pandemic Response and   
Recovery Toolkit for Homeless   
System Leaders in Canada

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Community Checklist of Major Steps   
to Respond to Pandemic

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| **Check in with Yourself and Your Community** | **Yes - Completed** | **In Progress** | **No – Not Started** | **Not Applicable** |
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| Do we have pandemic screening and health services available to people who are homeless? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have shelter space added and/or existing shelter space reconfigured to accommodate people that want to access shelter with appropriate physical distancing? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have sheltering options/ accommodations for people who need isolation/quarantine? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have a strategy to outreach to all unsheltered persons and notify them of pandemic and available resources, including shelter options, at this time? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have a strategy to support unsheltered persons who choose not to access shelter or cannot access shelter? |  |  |  |  |
| Have we realigned support services to support program participants already in housing so they can continue to get necessary supports to stay housed? |  |  |  |  |
| Have we realigned support services to support people in shelter? |  |  |  |  |
| Have we realigned support services to support people who are unsheltered? |  |  |  |  |
| Have we adjusted coordinated access to respond to the specific barriers and opportunities of the pandemic? |  |  |  |  |
| Is coordinated access continuing without modifications? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have the capacity to track data on inflow and outflow of homelessness including pandemic related status and needed health/isolation supports? |  |  |  |  |
| Have local homelessness prevention, diversion and rapid resolution activities been amplified to reduce the inflow of new households into the homelessness response system? |  |  |  |  |
| Have we written policies and procedures that reflect all of the changes in operation that we have made? |  |  |  |  |
| Do we have an evaluation framework and strategy? |  |  |  |  |