

**POLICY TITLE:** Temporary Coordinated Entry COVID-19 Prioritization Policy

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April X, 2022 through September 30, 2022

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**POLICY:** In order to quickly house homeless individuals who have been identified as high-risk for developing serious and life-threatening health complications from COVID-19, Coordinated Entry will prioritize individuals with priority factors, as outlined below, for all housing openings.

**PROCEDURE:**

- The daily prioritized list is generated in HMIS, and is retrieved by CE Manager at ACEH
- ACEH CE manager or designee sort prioritized list in excel based on COVID temporary prioritization criteria, identifying all clients that meet prioritization criteria no later than 9:30am
- Systems improvement administrator or designee reviews list for additional information no later than 10:00am
- CE manager or designee distributes potentially eligible clients to providers for client location and application work immediately after review.

**PRIORITY FACTORS:**

- [Populations identified by the CDC](#) as having medical conditions that are at-risk for COVID-19
- Pregnant
- Individuals ages 55+
- Mental health conditions, including depression, and schizophrenia spectrum disorder
- One of the following pre-existing health conditions:
  - **Chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma**
  - **Serious heart conditions** (expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, and significantly inhibits the ability of the individual to live independently)
  - **Conditions that can cause a person to be immunocompromised**, including cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
  - **Severe obesity** (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
  - **Diabetes**
  - **Chronic kidney disease and those who are undergoing dialysis**
  - **Dementia or other neurological conditions**
  - **Liver disease**