



March 23 Updates

Three isolation sites have been set up across the state at Bayou Segnette State Park, Chicot State Park and Lake Bistineau State Park. These sites are for persons who receive a COVID-19 test and are waiting results and don't have a way to isolate and people who test positive and don't need intensive medical care and don't have a way to isolate. Individuals will be transported to these sites from testing sites across the state. Once a test result comes back negative (either initially or after testing positive and quarantining at the site), persons experiencing homelessness prior to testing will be connected with a service provider and discharged into a hotel for up to 30 days. The Louisiana Housing Corporation will provide reimbursement for up to 75 hotel stays up to 30 days for agencies that decide to pay hotel costs for individuals discharged from an isolation site (all verified negative COVID-19). LHC will reimburse the agency for those costs once submitted on monthly basis.

The BOSCOC's current plan is to continue our monitoring schedule as-is and we will conduct desk monitorings as previously scheduled.

It is LHC's position that the Governor's stay at home order considers everyone involved with a homeless service provider as essential staff.

The BOSCOC is encouraging service providers to use the COVID-19 Triage Tool before admitting any participants into facilities. This tool gives an initial assessment of potential symptoms persons may be experiencing that could indicate signs of COVID-19.

The BOSCOC is encouraging Coordinated Entry Access Points to conduct phone or virtual Coordinated Entry when possible.