

## **Governor's Office COVID-19 Daily Q & A**

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### **Housing**

Q: How are we addressing homeless people and shelters?

A: The governor's office is working diligently with DHS, local EMAs and community partners to identify the needs and solutions to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are supported through this pandemic. We are yes exploring all possible solutions for housing and will have additional info in the coming days.

### **Agency Providers**

Q: Will DHS providers be penalized if services are cut back or eliminated temporarily?

A: DHS is working to ensure that providers will not be financially penalized if services are scaled back or shut down during this emergency. Community-based human services providers will be provided with support to maintain operations to the maximum extent possible while operations are temporarily suspended or diminished.

Q: Will there be funding for DHS grantees that are taking on additional responsibility?

A: Organizations taking on increased public responsibility during this time may receive additional funding commensurate with the temporary reorganization of services. On a limited basis, going forward, existing contracts may be amended to account for increasing needs for services on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your program liaisons for more information.

### **Childcare**

Q: Can entities such as churches and the YMCA act as temporary childcare centers?

A: The administration is working on making this method feasible for groups of 50 or less.

Q: Does DCFS have a master list of day care closures?

A: At this point each facility is required to report closures to a central database with INCCRRA. That information is being shared with local CCR&R's. Constituents should reach out or advise their constituents to reach out to their local CCR&R's. Below is the link to CCR&R database.  
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=72101>

**Transportation:**

Q: What changes are being made to allow for the transportation of supplies?

A: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic a Presidential Declaration of Emergency has been declared for the nation. TO assist with the emergency response/relief as defined in the Presidential Declaration, overweight and over dimension loads not exceeding 14 feet in width and 100 feet in length are hereby authorized to be transported on roads under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois with the following restrictions:

- A copy of this authorization, the Presidential declaration and bill of lading must be in the possession of the operator
- There are no fees associated with this authorization.
- Haulers may carry up to 88,000 lbs. on 5 axels or an additional 10% above legal loads on fewer axels.