City of Lawrence
Homeless Prevention and Intervention Program
COVID-19 Emergency Response

HOTEL PLACEMENT CRITERIA
FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING & QUARANTINE SERVICES

1. Individual(s) for whom quarantine has been recommended by a hospital (LGH; HFH), health care facility (GLFHC; Pentucket Medical), or health care professional.
   A. **Individual(s) who have been exposed to COVID-19, but have not tested positive for the virus.**
   B. **Individuals must be asymptomatic.**
   C. Individual(s) discharged from the hospital for medical reasons unrelated to COVID-19 who have no place to safely quarantine. This includes individuals living in overcrowded housing.

2. Individual(s) living in a residential program (i.e., emergency shelter/supportive housing/SROs, etc.) who are unable to safely distance from other guests and/or who need to move out of the program immediately to avoid being exposed to or infected by COVID-19.
   A. **Individuals must be at very high risk of exposure or infection.** This includes: People over 55, known heart disease, immunosuppression, recent hospital admission in the past 3 months, poorly controlled diabetes, poorly controlled COPD/asthma, or chronic kidney disease.

3. Individuals/Families who qualify for homelessness services & shelter placements, such as homeless shelters, or those who have qualified by DTA for the State Emergency Assistance (EA) program, and for whom there is no shelter space available.

- **Individuals/families placed in the hotel will be housed for a period of 14 days**, as recommended by CDC and the state’s public health department. This action to quarantine individuals who have been exposed to the COVID-19, is in order to limit the spread of the virus. City staff will work with individuals/families, in close collaboration with referring organizations, case managers, and any other relevant institution or party, to support their plans to transition out of the hotel once their stay comes to an end. This will allow for increased use of the rooms by other individuals/families in need to quarantine.

- **Hotel stay for individuals/families being referred by residential programs, and who are unable to safely distance from other guests to avoid exposure to, or become infected with by COVID-19, will be determined on a case by case basis, depending on further evaluation of their housing situation.**

- All guests must be 18 years old to qualify for a hotel room. All minors need to be accompanied by an adult.

- **The hotel is unable to accommodate individuals who are actively using substances and has no designated smoking areas.**

If you have additional questions or need to make a referral for a temporary hotel placement, please contact Sandy Guerrier, Homelessness Initiatives Coordinator at sguerrier@cityoflawrence.com / 978-857-3033.