

## **Constituent Response to Question About Unhoused & Homeless Populations**

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From Boulder's City Manager's Office: The City of Boulder is working closely with the Boulder Office of Emergency Management, Boulder County, and Boulder County Public Health to provide information and direction to the community to prepare for a potential outbreak of COVID-19.

In addition to the steps individuals and businesses should take to reduce risks of exposure such as boosting environmental surface cleaning measures, promoting hand washing, covering coughs and social distancing measures (a more complete list is available at [www.BoCo.org/COVID-19](http://www.BoCo.org/COVID-19)) regional governments are coordinating response plans.

Boulder County Public Health is working directly with homeless shelters and services on instructions about appropriate cleaning, housing individuals and locations for individuals to recover from contagious diseases such as COVID-19. Regional governments also are discussing potential locations and procedures to quarantine unhoused individuals should the need arise.

While these policy discussions are in the early stages, we are keeping our unhoused and most vulnerable populations top of mind as we work to minimize the potential spread of the disease throughout our entire population. There are past experiences to learn from and protocols in place to inform quarantines and isolations of affected populations, so we have a good starting place to work from as we address COVID-19 at the city and county level.

Thank you,  
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