

Cambridge Homeless Services Update – 07/28/2022

If you have any updates or additions to this document, please email Liz at emengers@cambridgema.gov.

COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION:

Cambridge is currently offering free PCR testing by appointment 7 days/week. Please visit link below for details: https://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/Testing

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION:

Cambridge Public Health Department has a vaccine clinic at 119 Windsor Street every Wednesday until August 10 from 2-4pm by appointment only: https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/cambridge/

https://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/vaccine https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information

PUBLIC TOILETS

Toilets are available at the following locations:

- Harvard Square Kiosk
- Portland Loo at Massachusetts Avenue and Garden St. (Harvard Square)
- Alewife T at Steel Place
- Porter Square at Somerville Ave
- Portland Loo at Massachusetts Avenue and Western Avenue (Central Square)

Water bottle filling stations and water fountains are turned back on throughout the City.

SHOWERS

- CASPAR is offering drop-in shower service for adults experiencing homelessness. Showers are available at 240 Albany Street from 9 AM 2 PM daily. Towels, soap, and shampoo will be provided.
- First Church Shelter is overseeing a shower service at University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square (66 Winthrop Street). Showers operate Monday Friday from 9 AM to 3:30 PM.
- Showers are available at the Salvation Army drop-in Monday through Friday, 10 AM 2 PM

CDC GUIDANCE FOR HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS

On Friday, May 22, 2020 the CDC issued a checklist for homeless service providers during community re-opening. It is available here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/homeless-service-providers.html and includes downloadable posters that can be printed and posted at your site. The most recent CDC guidance for homeless service providers is available here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html

City of Cambridge COVID-19 website: https://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19

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SHELTERS (summary table with information about shelters serving individuals located at end of document)

EA/Family Shelter:

To apply for Emergency Assistance and speak with a Homeless Coordinator please call (866) 584-0653. There is no on-line application for emergency shelter. You must call the number above for assistance.

Office hours are from 8 am to 5 pm:

Boston - 2201 Washington Street, Boston (Roxbury) - Nubian Square

Chelsea – 80 Everett Avenue, 3rd Floor

DAYTIME SERVICES

On the Rise: The location at 341 Broadway is open 9-1 M-F for homeless and formerly homeless women and transgender/nonbinary individuals, and from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday for Keep The Keys Participants. Participants can come to 341 if they need a shower, to do laundry, or to pick up their mail. 617-497-7968.

Salvation Army: Drop-in open daily from 10 AM – 2 PM

Cambridge Health Alliance Healthcare for the Homeless: Offers clinics at Salvation Army, 240 Albany Street, Transition Wellness Center and St. Patrick's Women's Shelter. 617-806-8781

https://www.challiance.org/services-programs/primary-care/healthcare-for-the-homeless

Cambridge Women's Center: Cambridge Women's Center has moved to 25 Mt. Auburn St in Harvard Square. "Drop-in" is open for indoor or outdoor computer access and volunteer support: Tuesdays from 3:00-8 PM, Thursdays from 12-5 PM and Saturdays from 12-5 PM. Supplies, T-passes, food, and other material support is available at the front door. The helpline is temporarily closed. Check their <u>website</u> or social media @cambridgewomenscenter for further updates.

Material Aid and Advocacy Program: MAAP is providing basic survival supplies, phone charging, meals, and snacks from a tent set up outside of their location at 5 Longfellow Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM – 3 PM.

Youth on Fire: Youth on Fire - 1 Church Street, 617-661-2508; yof@fenwayhealth.org

Mon, Wed, Fri: Drop-in open 11-5pm Tues: Telehealth appointments only

Thursday: Appointment only 11-5pm. No drop-in services but appointments can be made ahead of time or at the door.

YOF does street outreach in Harvard Square Wednesdays from 3-4pm

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Bridge Over Troubled Waters Medical Van: The medical van is in Harvard Square every weeknight from 7-8/8:30. One client is allowed in the van at a time and time in the van is limited to 10 minutes.

First Step: First Step is operating from 2 PM – midnight seven day per week. First Step is offering transports from 6 pm – 11 pm. Dr. Lines has joined the First Step team and goes out two nights per week and once on the weekend. First Step phone number: 617-592-6895

Central Square BID Outreach: The Central Square Business Improvement District (BID) is offering street outreach services in Central Square M-F from 8am-5pm. Contacts: Malene Council (malene@centralsq.org, 857.259.1946), Danielle Williams (danielle@centralsq.org, 857.259.7079), Brian Wright (brian@centralsq.org, 203.215.9614)



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OTHER PROGRAMS & INFORMATION

The Outdoor Church of Cambridge: The Outdoor Church (TOC) is offering the following:

- -Sundays 9 AM 10: 15 AM (Porter Square T): Coffee, donuts, socks, toiletries & generous lunch bags after worship. -Sundays 2:15 PM 5 PM (around Harvard and Central: TOC walks around the area and provides meals, socks, and
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- -Tuesdays 6 PM 8 PM (around Harvard and Central): TOC walks the streets of Harvard & Central Squares with sandwiches & bottled water for those they meet.

Cambridge Multiservice Center for the Homeless: The Cambridge Multi-Service Center is open to members of the public, by appointment and walk-ins. Appointments are available for all forms of Multi-Service Center assistance and services. Appointments can be made by phone at **617-349-6340** or by walk-in when possible. Case managers are also scheduling appointments by phone.

Cambridge Coordinated Access (C-CAN) Program: Mobile assessors (CASPAR FirstStep staff) are able to conduct C-CAN assessments in the field for people currently homeless in Cambridge and assessments are available at the Multi-Service Center during walk-in hours on Mondays between 1 and 4 PM. For general questions or inquiries, clients can call the main C-CAN line at 617-349-7715. C-CAN referrals are fully operational, and participating programs must report vacancies in Clarity as per usual.

PATH Program (Eliot Community Human Services): PATH is doing periodic outreach to street-sleepers. PATH workers remain available to clients by phone.

Cambridge Public Library: Cambridge Public Library buildings have reopened to the public. Please check website for updates and hours: https://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/hoursandlocations

Cambridge Housing Authority: The central office (362 Green St., 3rd floor) remains open to the public during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Upon arrival, visitors are asked to check-in by utilizing the QR code posted in the downstairs lobby and CHA reception area.

Multi-disciplinary Outreach Team (MDOT): MDOT is doing outreach on Wednesdays.

ACCESS (needle exchange): The Access program (359 Green Street) has expanded to offer additional services. In addition to needle exchange, harm reduction supplies, and Narcan ACCESS is conducting HIV/HCV/STI testing again. AND there is a now a weekly medical clinic, as well as walk-in behavioral health services. Please check website for updated information: https://aac.org/programs-services/needle-exchange/

Transition House: T House would like providers to know that DV only increases when people are quarantined and isolated and encourages providers to listen for increases in violence and risk. **Please call 857-777-6724 for crisis intervention and safety planning.**

Cambridge Public Health Department: Mary Kowalczuk mkowalczuk@challiance.org the Cambridge Public Health Department Contact for homeless serving organizations wishing to access resources and information from that department. If someone is symptomatic call the 211 hotline for more guidance. Always call 911 in the case of a lifethreatening emergency.



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Find It Cambridge: The one-stop-shop website to help you easily find activities, services, and resources available for those who live and work in Cambridge. In addition, if you need help finding anything you can contact Andrew - the Find It Manager.

Visit: www.finditcambridge.org
Call or Text: 617-686-2998

Email: info@finditcambridge.org

State Eviction Prevention: https://www.mass.gov/guides/facing-eviction-we-can-help
Please visit Metro Housing Boston's site for information on how to apply for RAFT:
https://www.metrohousingboston.org/what-we-do/rental-relief-and-eviction-prevention/

Meal Programs (please see Cambridge Health Department's flyer for information on Food Pantries):

SUNDAY	Hope Fellowship Church (16 Beech St.) offers bagged meals from 4 PM – 5:30 PM	
MONDAY	First Church (11 Garden St.) offers bagged meals at 5 PM	
TUESDAY	MAAP (5 Longfellow Park) offers bagged meals from 9 AM – 3 PM; First Parish (3 Church St.) offers bagged meals at 5 PM; Hope Fellowship Church (16 Beech St.) offers bagged meals from 4:30 – 5:30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	First Church (11 Garden St.) offers bagged meals at 5 PM	
THURSDAY	MAAP (5 Longfellow Park) offers bagged meals from 9 AM – 3 PM; Christ Church (0 Garden St.) offers bagged meals at 5 PM; Union Baptist Church of Cambridge (874 Main St.) Project Uplift offers meals to go from 5 PM – 6 PM	
FRIDAY	Friday Café (11 Garden St.) offers food, clothing and toiletries from 1 PM – 3PM	
SATURDAY	First Church (11 Garden St.) offers bagged meals at 5 PM; Loaves and Fishes Meal Program (35 Magazine St.) offers bagged meals from 5 PM – 6PM	

Salvation Army offers lunch at daily drop-in.

Solutions at Work offers meals in Central Square M-F starting from 4 -5:30 PM.



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Shelters serving Individuals in Cambridge

Emergency Services Center	617-661-0600
240 Albany St. (Male and Female)	Please call shelter to inquire about bed availability.
Transition Wellness Center	857-270-8775
1575 Cambridge St. (Male and Female)	No walk-ins. Please call shelter to inquire about referrals.
Green Street Shelter	617-714-4266 (primary) 617-714-4989
11-15 Green St. (Male and Female)	GSS Shelter Coordinator/Intake Natalie Logan natalieloganatwork@gmail.com greenstreetshelter@gmail.com
Salvation Army	617-547-3400
402 Massachusetts Ave. (Male only)	Please call shelter to inquire about bed availability.
First Church Shelter	617-661-1873
(Male only)	No walk-ins. Please call shelter to inquire about referrals.
St. Patrick's Shelter (Union Square) (Female only)	No walk-ins. All referrals, including self-referral, are to be done by calling 617-628-3015.
Transition House DV Shelter	877-785-2020 SafeLink – MA Statewide toll-free domestic violence hotline

Seasonal Shelters

Cambridge Winter Warming Center Green St. (rear entrance) of Citywide Senior Center at 806 Mass. Ave. (Male and Female; seasonal – Dec through April)	CLOSED for season
Harvard Square Homeless Shelter (Seasonal – November 1 – April 15; Summer season: June – Aug) (Male and Female)	Lottery process: https://hshshelter.org/stay-with-us
Y2Y Harvard Square (Youth 18-24) (Seasonal – October – April; Summer season: June – Aug) (Male and Female)	Bed Lottery: https://www.y2ynetwork.org/beds/