

Cold Weather Response

Office of Unhoused Solutions, Housing Department

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Strategic Plan: Zero KC

Zero KC is based on Five Pillars (Agreements)



Living outside is dangerous.



Kansas City needs more housing.



Wrap-around services are critical.



One size does not fit all.



Solving homelessness requires investment.

Our goal is functional zero:

"If the person is ready, we are ready."

Zero KC's 7 Priority Projects

The Cold Weather Plan addresses all 5 pillars and 3 of the 7 Priorities.

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Low Barrier Shelter

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Enact Encampment Strategy

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Increase Outreach Presence

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Align Continuum of Care with environmental, social, and governance programs

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Repeatable Extreme Weather Plan

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Increase Cross-System Collaboration

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Engage Neighborhoods and Business Communities

Cold Weather Planning Committee

- Formed March 2023
- **Established: May 2023 with Zero KC**
- 100+ Meeting Hours
- Largest comprehensive Cold Weather strategy
- **16 organizations collaborating**

Partner Organizations

Shelter Operators

Level	Operator
1	Hope Faith True Light Unity Southeast Hope City
2	Shelter KC – Men City Union Mission
3	Heartland Shelter KC – Women Crosslines

Food Service

- Nourish KC

Mental Health

- Wyandot Behavioral Health Network
- Rediscover

Data & Tech

- Simtech Solutions – Show the Way

Transitional Living Support

- Healing House

Trafficking Support

- Relentless Pursuit Outreach and Recovery

Medical Care

- Care Beyond the Boulevard

Cold Weather Priorities

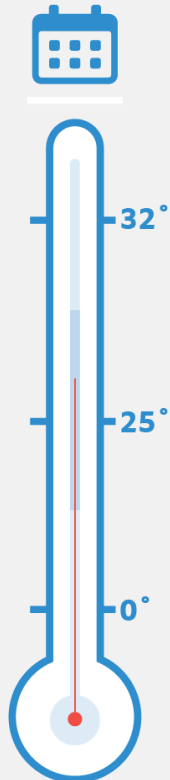
- **Standardizing approach** for cold weather response and operations
- **Collaborating with agencies** to provide a cohesive response
- **Connecting people to resources** such as inpatient treatment, vital document assistance, low-income housing, transitional living, and/or other services needed to help achieve housing goals

Cold Weather Plan Summary

450 Beds	10 Locations	Staffing	Meals	Standard Practices across all 10 sites for equitable access and treatment
80 All Gender 152 Men 112 Women 6 Families +100 additional on level 4	Different locations meet the needs of all populations	Every staff member will receive the same multi-course training	Food will be offered to all sites by one centralized entity. Some locations will choose to manage their own food program.	

Activation

Locations are activated to provide beds, meals, and services



LEVEL	ACTIVATES*	DATES
1	Open every night regardless of temperature	December 1st – March 1st
2	32 Degrees and Below <i>25 Degree Windchill</i> <i>Precipitation with Windchill of 32 Degrees</i>	Until April 1st
3	25 Degrees and Below <i>15 Degree Windchill</i> <i>Precipitation with Windchill of 25 Degrees</i>	
4	0 Degrees <i>0 Degree Windchill</i> <i>Precipitation with Windchill of 5 Degrees</i>	

**Determined by 8 am daily based on forecasted weather for that night, 6 pm to 6 am*

Bed Totals

Level	One	Two	Three	Four
Addition	210	60	80	100
<i>Total</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>450</i>

Questions/Comments

**Remember:
The goal is to end homelessness.**