

Where can PEH wash their hands in Santa Cruz?

There are a number of [existing and new facilities](#) for handwashing.

Where can PEH find out about all of the resources available to them during the coronavirus pandemic?

The [County COVID-19 webpages](#) have the most up-to-date information for PEH.

Is it true that the City hired a new homelessness manager with money from the state that was intended to help homeless people during the pandemic?

No. The recruitment for a homelessness manager was underway long before the COVID-19 outbreak. The position is paid for by City general funds and funds from the City's enterprise accounts.

Why isn't the City using empty school gyms/the Civic Auditorium/empty UCSC dorms for homeless shelters at this time?

The County is taking the lead on identifying sites for new shelter capacity to serve PEH, including those exposed or sick with COVID-19, those at increased risk of complications from the virus, and the general homeless population. There are many sites under consideration at this time including City-owned facilities. If and when the County requests a City-owned facility for shelter provision, the City stands ready to provide the site and will work with the County to leverage other sites in the community such as those owned by partner agencies, UCSC, and school districts.

What is the City doing with all the money the state is providing to help with homelessness during this time?

Funding from the state to help with homelessness during the coronavirus pandemic goes to counties and Continuum of Cares (COCs) which locally is administered by the County. The County of Santa Cruz has implemented a number of new measures to help, such as new hygiene stations and areas where PEH can have their health assessed, increased temporary shelter capacity so that PEH living in shelters can comply with recommended social distancing, hotel rooms for PEH who are at risk for or isolating/quarantining from COVID-19.

Are there going to be new shelters or encampments run by the City during the SIP and if so, where can the community expect to see them?

No. The City will not be running any new shelters during the SIP order. However, new shelters run by the County may be sited within the City's jurisdiction. One such shelter that opened on April 3rd is located at the Santa Cruz Veteran's Hall.