

Date: May 14, 2021

To: Program Participants and Facility Points of Contact

From: Hotels for Healthcare Workers Program Department of General Services and Health and Human Services Agency

Subject: Hotels for Healthcare Workers Program Phaseout

On June 15, 2021, the Hotels for Healthcare Workers Program (Program), administered through the California Department of General Services, will be discontinued for all participating California facilities, with the exception of those facilities located in the counties of Riverside, Imperial and San Diego. Throughout the past year, the Program has helped prevent the spread of COVID-19 and has kept California's healthcare and frontline workers safe by providing noncongregate lodging for any qualifying individual at low or no cost.

To minimize any negative effect that an abrupt end to the Program might have on current participants, the following phaseout plan has been approved:

- Existing hotel reservations will remain active, provided the check-out date is on or before June 15, 2021.
 - If the check-out date is after June 15, 2021, the hotel reservation will be modified to reflect the Program end date and new check-out date of June 15, 2021, with the exception of reservations at facilities in Riverside, Imperial and San Diego counties.
- The Program will stop processing any new hotel reservations or extensions as of June 14, 2021, except for facilities in Riverside, Imperial and San Diego counties.
- Authorized facility Points of Contact (POC) will be notified if a county has been added to or removed from the Program after June 15, 2021.

The Program encourages participants to work directly with their employer to explore whether other similar programs are available for use.

This notice only pertains to the Hotels for Healthcare Workers Program and does not impact any other state administered non-congregate shelter programs.

Thank you for your dedication to serving those in need during this time of crisis. Your unwavering commitment to ensuring California residents receive the care they need and deserve is unsurpassed. On behalf of the state of California, we thank you for your service and are honored to have been able to do our small part in serving you.

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