



MEMORANDUM

TO: H.S.H. Community Partners

FROM: Scott W. Walton, Manager of Adult Emergency and Outreach Services

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**RE: Shelter Space Update – #4 – Expansion Due to Weather Forecast**

Due to the National Weather Service and other weather forecasts for a period of steady rainy for three days or more starting Friday, January 20, 2017, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) is adding 75 additional shelter spaces to the adult emergency shelter system. These additional shelter spaces will be filled on a first-come-first served basis starting on Friday evening, January 20, 2017. These weather response expansion spaces will remain open through Monday morning, January 23, 2017.

To access these and other available adult shelter spaces, individuals should go to the 24-hour **MSC-South Drop-In Center at 525 Fifth Street**, San Francisco (at Bryant Street).

The Drop-In staff can identify where shelter space is available. The San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team will also be contacting these sites when they encounter someone on the streets who is interested in shelter.

Please do not go directly to the shelter sites to avoid going where all spaces are full.

The expansion sites are:

- **St. Vincent De Paul Society – MSC-South Shelter.** 525 Fifth Street (at Bryant).  
This site is co-located with the Drop-In Center.  
This site is adding 25 mats to its existing shelter spaces at 8:00 PM each evening.
- **Episcopal Community Services – Next Door Shelter.** 1001 Polk Street (at Geary).  
This site is adding 50 mats to its existing shelter spaces at 8:00 PM each evening.

These weather-related shelter expansions are being operated during this period due to the forecast for consecutive days of steady rain. These sites are in addition to the year-round emergency shelter system. For information about the regular adult emergency shelter system, other locations where adult shelter reservations can be made, and family shelters, please contact **311**, the San Francisco Customer Service Center. Another resource is the **San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team's Dispatch line – 415-355-7401**.

HSH wishes to thank its community partners, Episcopal Community Services and the St. Vincent De Paul Society for their on-going shelter work and expansion response to the current weather challenges.

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