

Coordinated Access and Assessment (CAA) Adult Placement Committee (APC) Matrix

CAA: Adult Placement Committee Priorities during COVID-19

Thank you for your unwavering efforts to continue to support Calgarians experiencing homelessness during this trying time. As you know, placement priorities for Coordinated Access and Assessment (CAA) Adult Placement Committee (APC) have been temporarily revised due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. It is vital that we remain vigilant and nimble in order to quickly adjust the priority of placements as we respond to the emerging needs of the COVID-19 situation.

To ensure transparency, equity and replicability of these decisions, Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) has developed the following decision-making guide. This guide will be utilized along with collateral information provided by programs and system partners to allow for a consistent placement approach until we are able to resume under the regular APC Terms of Reference and priorities. Until such time, placements will be aligned with the strategies supporting the COVID-19 response as outlined below. A recent example of this response is the support of a discharge pathway for clients from the Assisted Self-Isolation Site (ASIS) to the Sunalta Lodging House.

Decision-Making Guide

1. Reviewing emerging COVID-19 priorities and needs:

- Individuals residing at ASIS or Sunalta and who are engaged in their housing plan will be prioritized first for all available spaces. Their placement will depend on the availability of an appropriate program fit and discharge from ASIS or transition from Sunalta
- Individuals identified as high risk in community based on emerging COVID-19 health determinants will be prioritized

2. If program placements are still available, the following priorities will be applied:

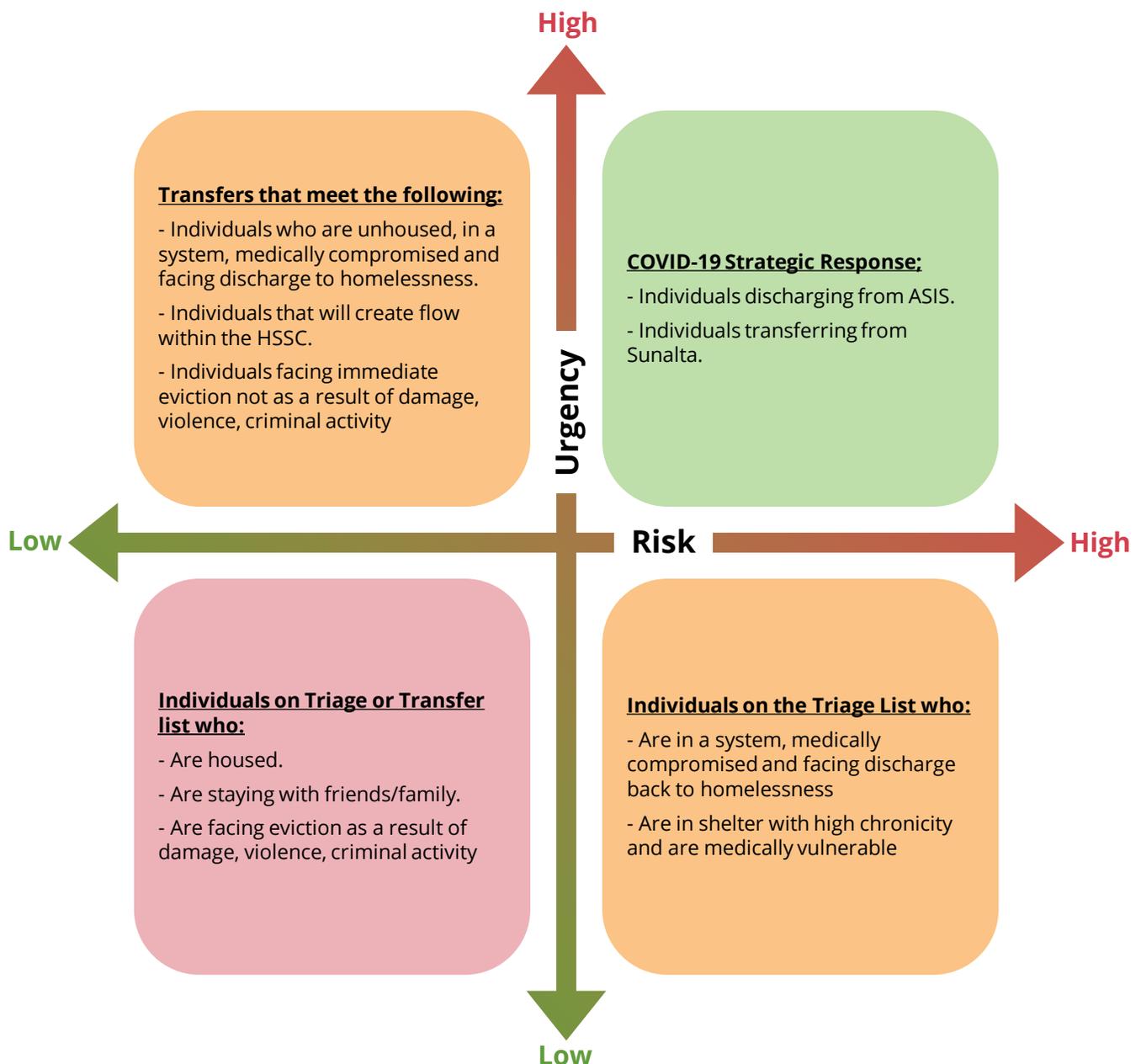
- **Transfers will be considered if they are:**
 - In a system, are medically compromised, and are facing discharge into homelessness
 - If the transfer will create flow within the HSSC (i.e. a transfer from a Place-Based Supportive Housing [PBSH] Building to a Scattered Site program); or
 - Facing immediate eviction to homelessness that is not caused by: violence, damage to the unit, criminal activity
- Any program that has a client on the transfer list and meets the above criteria are to contact the APC Chairs.
- Once reviewed by the APC Chairs the program representative may be asked to attend the virtual CAA APC meeting to provide details about the transfer and ensure that there is table consensus.

3. If there are still available spots after ASIS and transfers have been reviewed, CAA APC will prioritize:

- o Individuals on the triage list who are in a system, are medically compromised and facing discharge into homelessness.
- o Individuals currently in shelter based on chronicity and *medical vulnerability*.

System Partners who want to provide collateral information about individuals can email the APC Chairs with the information they wish to share. Consideration may be given to those with collateral information from Connect to Care, CAMPP, Shelter or Medical staff.

Due to the current state of our system of care during the COVID-19 pandemic, CAA APC will not prioritize individuals who are housed, staying with friends/family and are able to physical distance, or who are being evicted due to criminal activity, violence or damages.



FAQ

What does it mean to be “in a system” and/or “medically compromised”?

In a system:

- Anyone who is currently in hospital who is facing discharge with additional complicating factors.

Medically compromised:

- A person who is at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, chronic respiratory diseases, cancer, etc.
- A person who is at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 due to compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment (e.g. MS or chemotherapy).