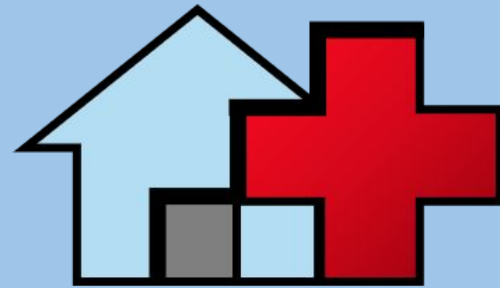




**Welcome to the 2021
Virtual CHHRGE
Symposium**

Outline for Welcome Session:

- Homelessness in Chicago
- Challenges faced by homeless during COVID-19
- The Creation of CHHRGE
- CHHRGE's Focus and Goals
- CHHRGE Stakeholders
- CHHRGE Initiatives



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CHICAGO HOMELESSNESS & HEALTH
RESPONSE GROUP FOR EQUITY

No Conflicts of Interest





Homelessness in Chicago

Total Number of Individuals Counted, 2015-2020



Change in Count
from 2019 to 2020



2% TOTAL INCREASE



21% STREET INCREASE

4% SHELTER DECREASE

The Annual Chicago Point in Time (PIT) Count done in Jan 2020

https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/fss/supp_info/Homeless/2020/2020%20PIT%20Snapshot_vFinal.pdf

Race and Homelessness in Chicago

77 % *Black*

20.2 % *White*

11.4 % *Hispanic or Latino*

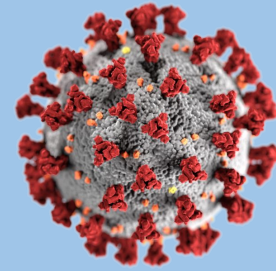
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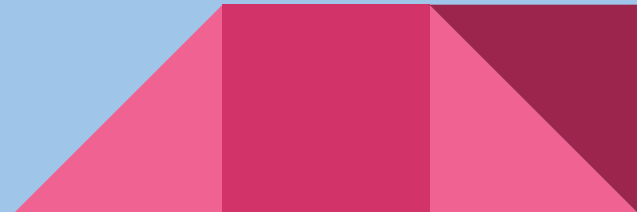
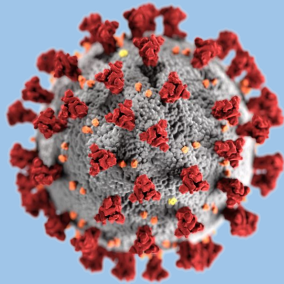
0.7 % *Multiple*



The Annual Chicago Point in Time (PIT) Count Report done in Jan 2020
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Challenges Faced by Homeless Populations during COVID-19



COMMUNAL LIVING SPACES

Isolation and Social Distancing
Loss of Autonomy
Less Access to Donations
Loss of Employment
Decreased Internet Access

HEALTHCARE

Loss of Medical and Mental Health
Providers and Resources

Less Access to PPE - Masks,
Gloves, Soap & Hand Sanitizer

HEALTH COMORBIDITIES

Chronic Medical and Mental Health Conditions

34% aged 41-60 & 10.2% over 60 years old in 2020 PIT Count

Unique challenges in the homeless community



STIGMA

SAFETY

TRUST

Employment & Education

Families & Couples

Children under 18 years

Transgender & nonbinary communities

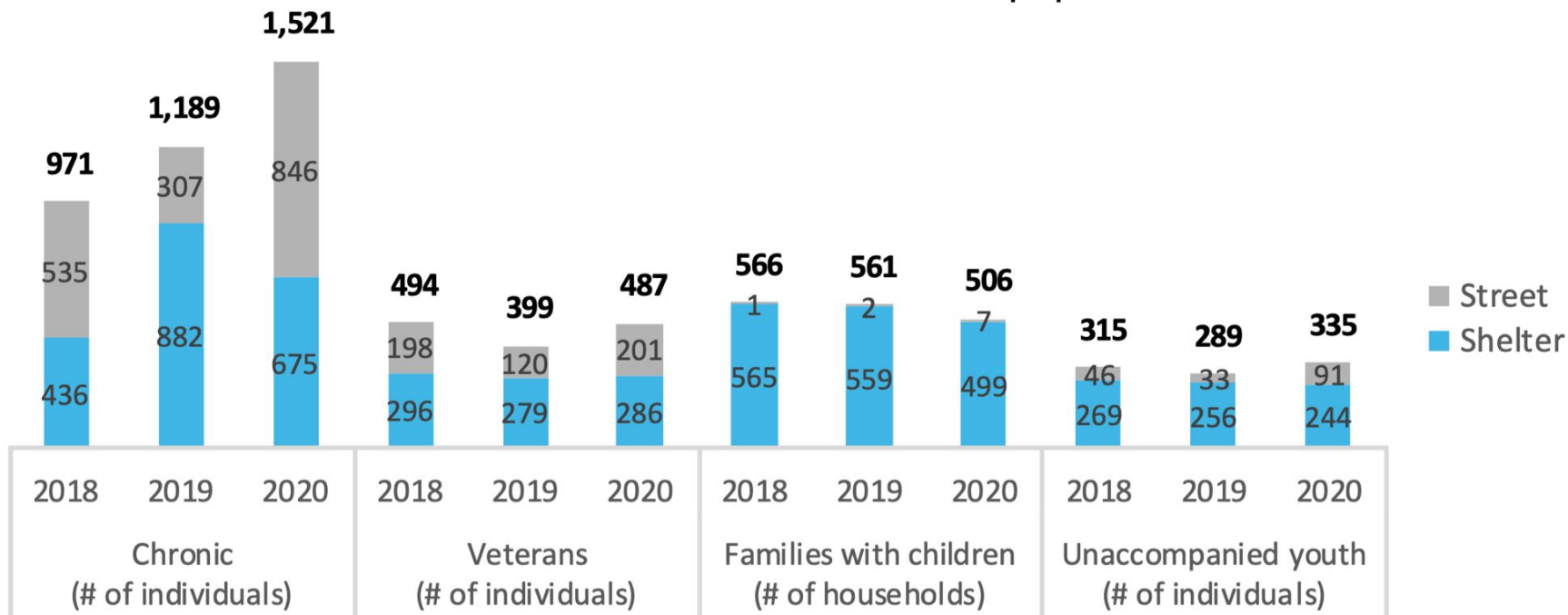
Intellectual & Developmental disabilities

Trauma & Abuse Victims

Former Veterans



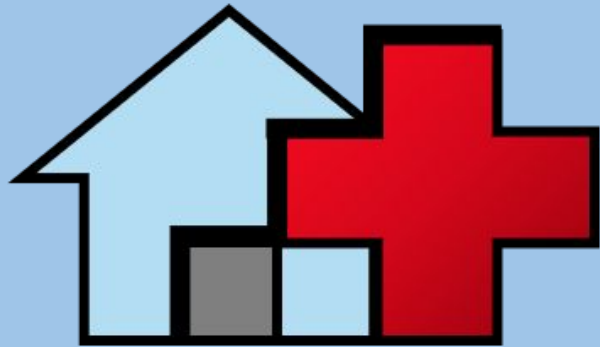
Number of Individuals Counted in Subpopulations



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The Formation of:



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3 Values of CHARGE:

1. Community-driven approach
2. People-centered decision making
3. Interprofessional collaboration

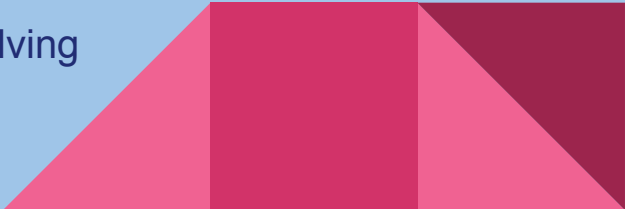


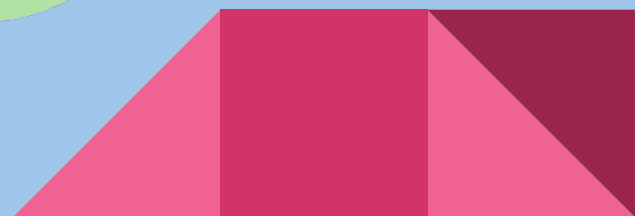
Goals of CHHRGE

Initial Focus: Prevention

- **Reduce risk of spread** of COVID-19 among homeless residents and the staff providing care
- **Isolate** those with symptoms of COVID-19, especially those at highest mortality risk
- Provide supplemental **support for agencies** serving the homeless and vulnerably housed
- Sustain basic **medical and mental health services** for the homeless population

Current Focus: Sustainability & Improvement

- Obtain COVID-19 nose cultures quickly when outbreaks occur
 - Isolate those with confirmed COVID-19 and support their recovery – address complex psychosocial and medical needs
 - Serve as a clearinghouse for information, support, and problem-solving
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OUTREACH

A Path from Help to Hope



The Boulevard

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Breakthrough





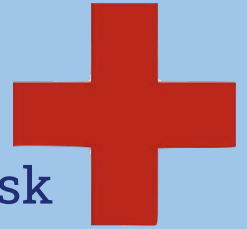
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FOR THE HOMELESS



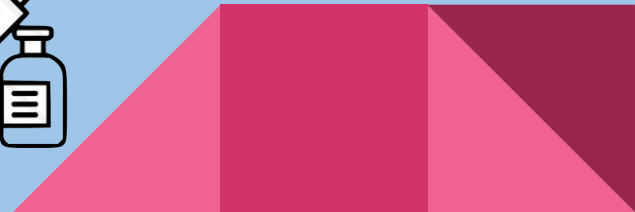
all Chicago 
making homelessness history



CHHRGE Initiatives



- ❑ COVID-19 Infection Control
- ❑ **Isolation Hotel** for those infected & later for those most at risk
- ❑ COVID-19 **Isolation Center** - A Safe Haven
- ❑ In person **healthcare** and **mental health care** in Shelters - Lawndale Christian Health Center
- ❑ **Expedited Housing**- Chicago Continuum of Care
- ❑ COVID-19 screening, testing, and vaccinations
- ❑ Advocacy for funding from the CARES Act, expansion of eviction moratorium, and shelter vaccination priority
- ❑ **Treatment not Trauma**



Health Professions Students from 10 Undergraduate & Graduate Chicago Schools:

MD/DO

PHD

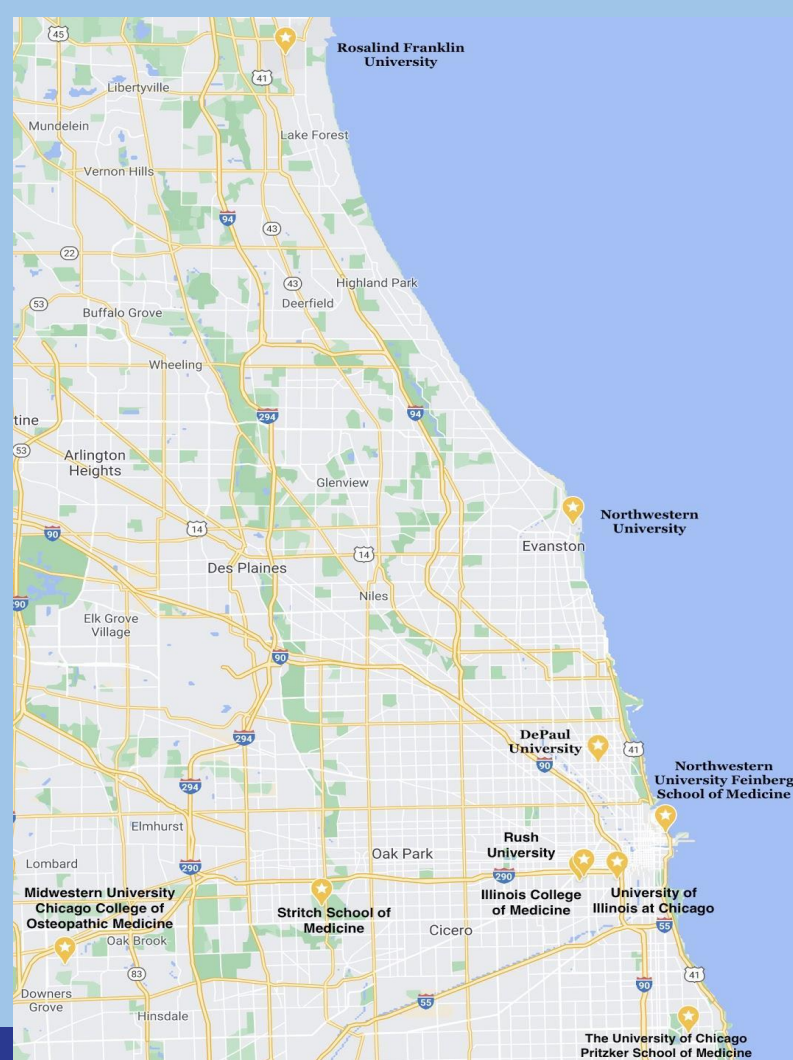
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Nursing/NP

EMT/Paramedic

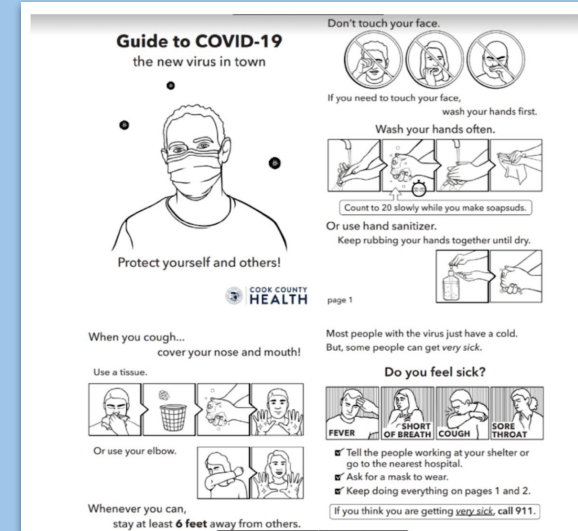
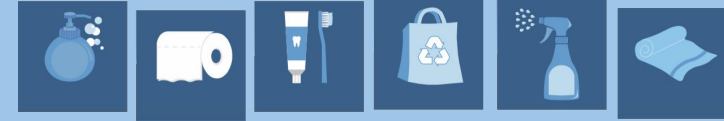
Master's Program

Undergraduate



CHHRGE Student Initiatives

- ❑ COVID-19 Screenings & Testing
- ❑ Creating and distributing COVID-19 Educational materials
- ❑ Donation drives
- ❑ PPE, clothing, and food distributions
- ❑ Shelter Enrichment activities
- ❑ Pharmacy & Cleaning Supply delivery
- ❑ Building Hygiene Care Packages
- ❑ COVID-19 Isolation Site Flyers
- ❑ Social Media COVID-19 Education






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COVID-19 VACCINE SCAM ALERT!!

If someone calls/texts/emails you saying you can pay money \$\$ for an early vaccine or have it shipped to your home.

SCAM

SAY NO!!!

The COVID-19 Vaccine is FREE! 

Si alguien te llama, te envía un mensaje de texto o te envía un correo electrónico diciendo que puedes pagar \$\$ por la vacuna mas temprano o que te la envíen a tu casa.

!!!DI NO!!!

¡La vacuna COVID-19 es GRATIS!



Why did you decide to volunteer with CHHRGE?



HUGE Shout-Out and THANK YOU!

Rush University and University of Chicago

The Initial CHHRGE “Founders”- Dr. Steven Rothschild, Dr. David Ansell, Dr. Sharon Gates, Angela Moss, Richard Ducatzenzeiler, & Jonah Moss

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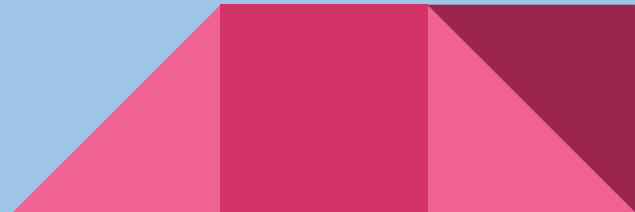
A Safe Haven

Lawndale Christian Health Center

Chicago Department of Public Health

Mayor Lightfoot’s Office

All the amazing CHHRGE Volunteers!!!



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