



**Report to the Committee on Human Services
DC General Family Shelter Closure
Friday, July 13, 2018**

7. Beginning Friday, July 13, and each Friday thereafter until the closure of DC General, please provide a weekly report detailing the following:

a. The current number of families residing at DC General

On Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 154 households resided at DC General Family Shelter.

b. The number of exits, detailed by program

Exit Destinations	July 1-11, 2018
Rapid Rehousing	2
Targeted Affordable Housing	2
Permanent Supportive Housing	0
Housing Choice Voucher Program	0
Rental with No Subsidy	3
Rental with other ongoing subsidy	0
Transitional Housing	0
Emergency Shelter	0
Termination	2
Emergency Termination	0
Ineligible	0

c. The number of lease-ups scheduled, detailed by program

Exit Destinations	July Lease-ups Scheduled
Rapid Rehousing	23
Targeted Affordable Housing	4
Permanent Supportive Housing	0
Housing Choice Voucher Program	0
Rental with No Subsidy	0
Rental with other ongoing subsidy	0
Transitional Housing	4

d. The number of families making significant progress to lease-up, providing as much detail as possible for each family, including the projected lease-up dates

Housing Stabilization Status	Number of Families
Lease-up Scheduled	32
Housing Search Underway	35
Housing Stabilization Plan in Development	87
Total Families at DC General	154

- e. **The number families confronting significant barriers to lease-up, providing as much detail as possible for each family, including how the agency is working with families to overcome such barriers**

There are a range of issues that families who are staying at DC General face that can present a challenge in the housing process. The vast majority of families who experience homelessness are in shelter due to factors that could be considered "housing barriers."

Some barriers have to do with criteria that housing providers (landlords, property managers) use to screen tenants such as unpaid debt, credit score, criminal history, income requirements, and prior evictions. Needs for reasonable accommodations or large units present additional challenges based on supply in the housing market. Other issues relate to dynamics happening in the family that require full attention and may make housing search particularly difficult in the moment. The circumstances of families at DC General, like all families, are fluid.

DHS is not permitted to provide detail at the family level, due to the need to protect privacy.

DHS and TCP are working with families on their specific situations to resolve presenting issues. We will document exceptional efforts that fall outside of current practices, (such as vehicles to address housing debt, convening interdisciplinary support teams) and share our findings with Council and the community after DC General closes.

Please refer to the question 7.d. for a sense of the number of families making progress toward housing.

- 8. **Beginning July 13, and each second Friday of the month thereafter until the short-term family housing facilities in Wards 4, 7, and 8 are available for occupancy, please provide a written plan that includes the following:**

- a. **The projected need of contracted units of emergency family shelter or hotels**
- b. **The available number of contracted units of emergency family shelter or hotels, including locations**
- c. **The total projected costs for contracted units, detailing whether currently funded in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget and financial plan**

At this time, DHS does not anticipate needing additional contracted units of emergency shelter or hotels. Based upon historic entries into the emergency shelter system and current trends of exits from emergency shelter to permanent housing, we anticipate that we have sufficient emergency shelter capacity within existing inventory to meet the needs of District residents.

Emergency Shelter Locations	Capacity	Occupancy	Total Cost Per Night
Howard Johnson*	3	3	\$318
Motel 6 – Georgia Ave*	3	3	\$285
Holiday Inn Express	126	94	\$21,294

Quality Inn	136	125	\$14,416
Days Inn	170	157	\$15,300

*denotes those hotels that are not under contract, but where we have Letters of Intent, which allow us to expand and contract capacity as needed

In FY 2019, DHS anticipates having sufficient resources to meet the emergency shelter needs of families.