

# 2022 Unsheltered PIT Count Training

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# Agenda

- ❑ Welcome/Introductions - please type your name in the chat
- ❑ Point in Time (PIT) Count Overview
- ❑ Who to count for the unsheltered count?
- ❑ Safety Guidance
- ❑ Important PIT Count Resources
- ❑ Survey Instruction
- ❑ Interview Techniques
- ❑ Timeline/Due Dates!
- ❑ Questions

# PIT Overview

- ❑ Count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.
- ❑ HUD requires Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are in emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe havens, and unsheltered homeless persons.
- ❑ The count plays a central role in determining our progress towards ending homelessness in Ramsey County.
- ❑ The count also plays a central role in determining the amount of funding Ramsey CoC receives from federal, state, local, and private funders for homelessness services.

# Who to Count?

- ❑ Unsheltered individuals, unaccompanied youth (ages 24 and younger), youth-aged heads of households, and/or families (with minor children) who are sleeping outside, sleeping in cars, riding public transit all night, and/or staying in other places not meant for human habitation (ie: storage unit, condemned buildings, etc.).
- ❑ Doubled-up or couch-hopping individuals, unaccompanied youth (ages 24 and younger), youth-aged heads of households, and/or families (with minor children) - key is that they are temporarily staying with friends or other family members and are not on the lease.

# Safety Guidance

- ▶ We encourage people involved in counting to be fully vaccinated (2 shots and 1 booster).
- ▶ HUD, State of MN, and Ramsey County Public Health recommends being tested no more than 7 days prior.
- ▶ If you are feeling sick, we encourage you to stay home.
- ▶ Please bring masks (ideally N95) and wear them for the duration of the count.
- ▶ Please bring and use hand sanitizer frequently.
- ▶ HUD discourages CoC's from using volunteers that are at high risk of contracting COVID-19, including persons age 65 or older, to physically count.
- ▶ Practice social distancing.

# PIT Count Resources

- ▶ [2022 PIT Count Volunteer Sign-up](#)
- ▶ [PIT Surveyor One-page Instructions](#)
- [PIT Short Paper Survey](#)
- [Test PIT Live 2022](#)

# Survey Instructions

## PIT Short Survey 2022

- ❑ Overview
- ❑ Survey Question Review:
  - ❑ Single Person
  - ❑ Multiple People



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# Interview Techniques

- ❑ How do I introduce myself and what I am doing?
- ❑ What if people don't want to take the survey?
- ❑ Do people have to answer all of the questions?
- ❑ Should I have safety concerns? For the person being surveyed? For the Surveyor?
- ❑ How do I keep things private?
- ❑ How do I survey a large group of people?
- ❑ What if someone wants to talk too much?
- ❑ Are there things I should be careful about saying?
- ❑ Should I be doing outreach during the survey and connecting people to resources?



# PIT Timeline/Due Dates

- ❑ PIT Count Date: January 26, 2022 (starts at sundown on January 26<sup>th</sup> through sunrise on January 27<sup>th</sup>)
- ❑ PIT Surveys being offered at numerous sites and/or by calling clients from caseloads starting January 27<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❑ Enter PIT Surveys Live (online link to be emailed out before January 26<sup>th</sup>), or enter on paper format and then either:
  - ❖ Email Joseph Desenclos (Joseph.Desenclos@co.ramsey.mn.us) in the paper format by end of day on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> for Ramsey County to enter online for you, or
  - ❖ Manually enter into PIT Live yourself by end of day on February 2, 2022

# Questions

- ▶ Will there be incentives for taking the survey?
  - ▶ Yes, 10-ride bus pass cards will be provided. One per household; the head of household must sign for the bus pass.
- ▶ Will there be extra pens in case people taking the survey want to circle their own answers during the sensitive questions section?
  - ▶ Yes, we will provide extra pens to volunteers at the various sites, as well as either hand sanitizer or wipes.

THANK YOU!!!!