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Housing Opportunities Opens COVID-19 Isolation Shelter
Nonprofits and businesses unite to address public health crisis

Housing Opportunities, Inc. is partnering with local nonprofits and businesses to provide a COVID-19 isolation shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Northwest Indiana. The shelter, which opened Monday, protects public health by giving people exposed to COVID-19 a place to effectively quarantine themselves if they don't have a home.

As a nonprofit advocate for resolving and preventing homelessness, [Housing Opportunities](#) is experienced in connecting key community partners to address public health threats.

"Ensuring people have a place to live and isolate, if needed, is more important than ever," said Jordan Stanfill, CEO of Housing Opportunities. "We're happy to receive such great support to address the public health threat of COVID-19."

The shelter will house individuals experiencing homelessness who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are experiencing mild symptoms, have been exposed and are awaiting test results, or have been symptom-free for less than 72 hours.

Housing Opportunities serves as the operator and intake coordinator of the isolation shelter, and will receive referrals from local hospitals, health departments, and police departments.

Local nonprofits, including VNA Meals on Wheels, HealthLinc, United Way of Porter County, Pines Village, Porter-Starke Services, and the Porter County Community Foundation are contributing valuable services, food, and personal protective equipment to shelter employees and residents. Supporting local businesses include Epic Limo, which will provide transport to the shelter.

Health and city officials can submit a referral by calling Abby Johnson at 219.649.1306. Shelters and housing organizations can submit referrals by calling Jordan Stanfill at 219.286.3307.

Referrals can be made Monday through Friday, 8AM to 8PM, and Saturday through Sunday, 10AM to 4PM.