

## Denver County Cold Weather Sheltering Options

(subject to change according to isolated weather patterns):

### SINGLE WOMEN:

- Unaccompanied women over age 18 may call [Delores Project \(303.534.5411\)](tel:303.534.5411) for shelter availability on Mondays: First time guests can call at 10:00a and returning guests can call at 11:30a. Women may also phone nightly to see if there are no show vacant beds available at 5:30p. A small number of Delores Project's beds are randomly assigned at [The Gathering Place](#) on Monday mornings at 9:30a.
- Emergency shelter is available through [St. Francis Center's](#) partnership with Capitol Hill United Ministries Women's Homeless Initiative.
  - Women's Homeless Initiative's beds are randomly assigned at 8:15a at St. Francis Center (2323 Curtis). Women who are assigned a bed must return to St. Francis Center by 5:00p for check-in. If a bed is unclaimed it will be filled by women on the waitlist. St. Francis Center will provide transportation for women to partner churches promptly at 5:30p.
- Catholic Charities will provide shelter for up to 70 women nightly through the Holy Rosary program at Samaritan House (Broadway at Lawrence).
  - Women over 18 may arrive at [Samaritan House](#) (Broadway at Lawrence) between 5:00p and 6:00p for shelter in the Holy Rosary program.
  - Additional women will be able to access chartered bus transport from Samaritan House to overflow shelter starting at 7:00p.
  - Women utilizing the Holy Rosary emergency shelter at Samaritan House will be given preference for any shelter openings in the Samaritan House Extended Stay program. Openings in the Extended Stay programming are randomly assigned at 8:00p.
- If no shelter options are available and temperatures are below 40 degrees, women may arrive at [Samaritan House](#) (Park Ave. at Lawrence) from 6:00p until 8:30p to obtain a motel voucher. PLEASE REVIEW MOTEL VOUCHER POLICIES BELOW

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- Salvation Army Crossroads (1901 29<sup>th</sup> St.) randomly assigns emergency shelter placements on Sunday and Wednesday at 4:30p. Those assigned a bed will secure the bed until the next random drawing is held. Working homeless individuals can obtain a bed for a modest reservation fee.
- Denver Rescue Mission provides nightly shelter at their Lawrence St. location (Park Ave. at Lawrence St.), as well as staging and transport to overflow shelter. Men should arrive at the Lawrence St. location between 5:30a and 12:30p to sign up for shelter that evening. Shelter is assigned randomly between the Lawrence St. location and overflow. In the evening, walkups will be accepted at Lawrence Street for transport to overflow, or accommodation at Lawrence St. until 10:00p. If busses have already transported to overflow and the Lawrence St. Shelter fills, or if individuals arrive after 10:00p, referrals will be made to other area shelters with confirmed capacity. City of Denver police may bring individuals in need of shelter to Lawrence St. after 10:00p.
  1. Bus transportation for overflow shelter at the Peoria facility will stage and depart from Lawrence St. Community Center (2222 Lawrence St.) starting at 7:00p as well as Salvation Army Crossroads (1901 29<sup>th</sup> St.) starting at 6:30p. All guests must arrive and depart from overflow by charter bus. No walkups are allowed at the overflow shelter. Guest men of the overflow shelter will be able to sign up for next day bed assignment at the overflow. Guests can also sign up for next day bed assignment upon being transported back to Lawrence St. Community Center in the morning.

#### UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH:

- Unaccompanied individuals between the ages 15 and 21 may obtain shelter at [Urban Peak](#) (1630 S. Acoma St.). Youth should phone the shelter prior to arrival at 303.974.2908 to assure there is a vacancy. If the shelter is full youth will be referred to other sheltering options.

#### TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS:

- Unaccompanied people who identify as transgender (MTF, FTM, Genderqueer) over age 18 may call [Delores Project \(303.534.5411\)](#) for shelter availability on Mondays: first time guests can call at 10:00a and returning guests can call at 11:30a. Transgender individuals may also phone nightly to see if there are no show vacant beds available at 5:30p.
- Gender is determined by self-identification at the following shelters: Delores Project, Salvation Army Crossroads (and Peoria Overflow), Catholic Charities' Holy Rosary program, Urban Peak, Women's Homeless Initiative.
- Gender is determined by sex designation on state-issued identification at Denver Rescue Mission and Samaritan House Extended Stay programming

#### FAMILIES:

- Families may obtain motel vouchers at [Samaritan House](#) (Broadway at Lawrence) from 5:00p until 9:00p, 7 days a week if all shelter options are at capacity. Please review "DHS Motel Voucher" policies below
- Family Promise provides extended shelter to families at numerous church sites in Denver. Heads of families may call 303.675.0713 to complete an initial phone screening if there are openings. Families that qualify will be invited to an interview prior to enrollment in the program. Family Promise may be able to arrange offsite shelter for family cats and dogs through a partnership with PetSmart.

#### DHS MOTEL VOUCHER POLICIES:

If shelters reach capacity Women, Families, and adults with doctor issued medical statements verifying medical conditions may be assisted with a motel voucher from Denver Human Services.

- Vouchers will NOT be distributed for failure to access shelter options that have capacity (i.e. missed bus, behavioral restrictions, refusal of shelter options available, etc.).
  - Individuals or heads of household must demonstrate residency in Denver County.
  - People may not receive more than 12 nights of motel vouchering within the previous 12 consecutive months.
  - During winter months (October-April) if the overnight lows are below 40 degrees, DHS will voucher after 7:00p at Samaritan House (Park Ave. at Lawrence) for single nights only. [Proof of residency is not required for single night vouchering during cold weather days when temperatures drop below 40 degrees.](#)
    - Emergency Shelter Assistance Locations and Hours:
      - DHS, 1200 Federal Blvd, General Assistance, M-F 9:00a-3:00p
      - Samaritan House (Park Ave at Lawrence), 7 days a week, 5:00p-8:30p, [Denver Sherriff at the Downtown Detention Center](#), 490 W. Colfax Families Only, 7 days a week, After 9:00 p.m.,
- \* During Cold Weather Policy (Oct-April) DSD will accept direct referrals for single women who are accompanied by a community partner for emergency assistance. (For example, DPD and Street Outreach Teams)\*