



Aldermanic Briefing: New Arrivals Mission

January 19, 2024

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- Overview & Current Status
- Landing Zone
- Shelter Updates
- Safety and Security
- Program developments

The Chicago region has welcomed
over 34,000 new arrivals since 8/31/2022



608 buses have arrived since August 2022
501 since May 12, 2023



4,503 individuals arrived at O'Hare & Midway
204 buses arrived at suburban communities



28 shelters in operation across the city

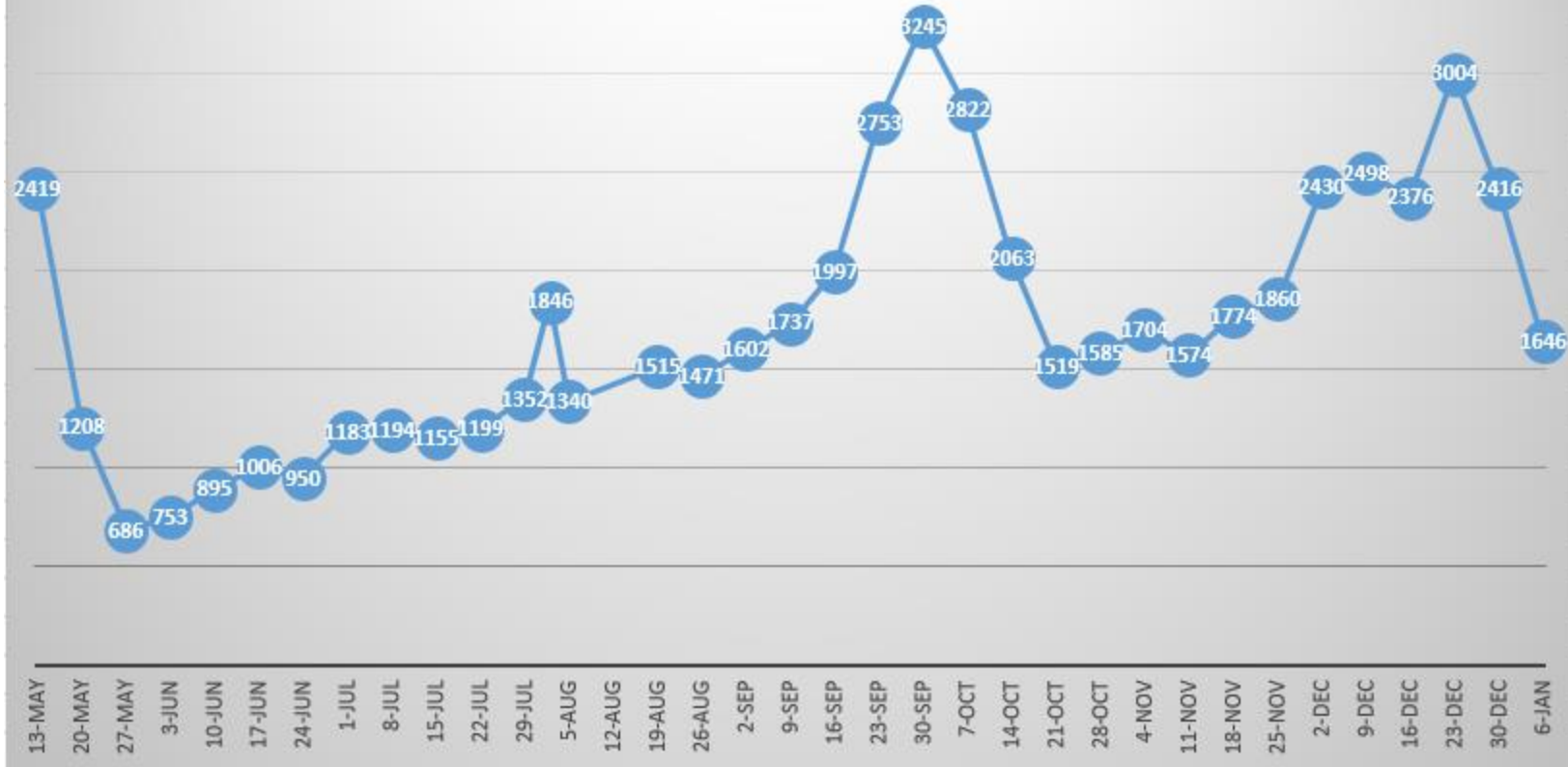


14,449 current shelter residents (5,000+
minors)

212 awaiting shelter at O'Hare, **0** at Landing
Zone, **4** at Police Stations, **5** at HWI



Individuals Processed at SW Border Destined for Chicago



An estimated 33,000+ asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago since Aug 31st, 2022

As of January 16, the City has 14,967 clients in 28 shelters.

- As of 12/22/23 the City does not plan to add shelter beds and will fill beds as residents exit.
- Since passing the Bus Ordinance, buses have dropped new arrivals off in 20+ suburban towns in 7+ Illinois Counties in the Chicagoland Region
- Landing Zone operations have changed and include a State-run Intake Center
- HWL warming center opened for NA and others in need as part of the EOP activation due to National Weather Service advisory. Closes January 22.

LANDING ZONE

Management (OEMC)

- Arranges CTA warming buses
- Communicates with Metra and other municipalities
- Overall operations and logistics

Medical (CDPH)

- Coordinating medical providers' mobile units to support with medical intakes
- Medical triage- 3 layers of care
 - Personnel from CDPH-funded healthcare partners
- Partners providers follow-up care
- Federally Qualified Health Center partners

Meals & Showers

- Chicago Park District and OEMC coordinating showers at nearest Chicago Park District facility
- Ongoing conversations with ShowerUp regarding logistics given the below freezing temperatures
- Chi-care -Meals (x2 per day)
- On rotation with new food vendors

External Partners

- IDHS
- New Life Centers
 - Warm clothing kits
 - Donations, Snacks/water, Local relocation
- Catholic Charities
- Outmigration

- **60- day notices in effect**
 - Move outs paused due to weather through Feb. 1
- **State CVS Site with Garda**
 - Opened Jan. 15; housing **220 new arrivals**. New Life Center is supporting the site.
- **Unity Initiative**
 - Housing **209 individuals**; transitioned over **30 individuals** to long-term housing

Operational Efforts



Placed in shelter this week

1,105



Beds coming Online by 01/16/23

0



people exiting our
system in the last 7 days

808



Total# 60 Day Notices Distributed

7,842

Beds Needed Now



Single Beds Needed

216



Family Beds Needed

0

- **ASERAP**
 - Fast Track will be available at all shelters and open to ASERAP eligible residents starting next week.
- **TPS Workshops**
 - Workshops resumed on January 9th
 - To date, **2,204** applications processed (1,119 EAD & 1,085 TPS)
 - **916** EAD work permits received
 - Extending clinics to April to meet legal needs of new arrivals outside of the shelter system.
 - TRP is making a call to [VOLUNTEER](#)

- **Incident updates**

- **NYE Safety plan** MOCS, MOIRR, DFSS, EOC/OEMC, Parks, and Favorite staff coordinated a plan for the holiday weekend. No major incidents reported.
 - Elston shelter received cameras for staff to identify who is outside shelter doors.
 - Park patrols concentrated on the 5 park sites 10pm-3am. Parks vehicle presence at the exterior outside these facilities.
 - Request specifically for Gage Park Shelter— panic hardware was installed on the doors.
 - EOC/OEMC had a list of camera locations around the shelters to support dispatch and t Strategic Decision Support Center room. CPD had an officer at OEMC from 6pm-230am on NYE.

Incident Notification Protocol



Incident/Encounter occurs at the shelter and 911 is called



Shelter staff will follow their incident protocol and notify DFSS



A. DFSS will notify MOCS and
B. DFSS will notify the corresponding alderperson



OEMC dispatch first responders, if bona fide, first responders will update the Sargeant. The Sargent will notify Watch Operations Lieutenant.



Within a reasonable time frame, Watch Operations Lieutenant will send email notification to the corresponding Alderperson and DM Gatewood



DM Gatewood will place calls and notify senior staff and ADM Scott will notify District Councilmembers as needed



Alderperson will make the decision as to if/how they want to notify their constituents. Alderperson may place a follow up call to CPD District Commander if they choose

Examples of when **CPD to notify alderpeople**:

- Mass weapons found
- Fatalities
- Officer involved shooting
- Shelter facility-related catastrophe
- Newsworthy Incident
- Privacy concerns

Examples of when **to Favorite Staff/DFSS to notify alderpeople**:

- Shelter facility-related catastrophe
- Other events affecting DFSS/OEMC/MOIRR Sheltering, New Arrivals mission
- Disaster-based drills
- Disrupting shelter operations
- Privacy concerns

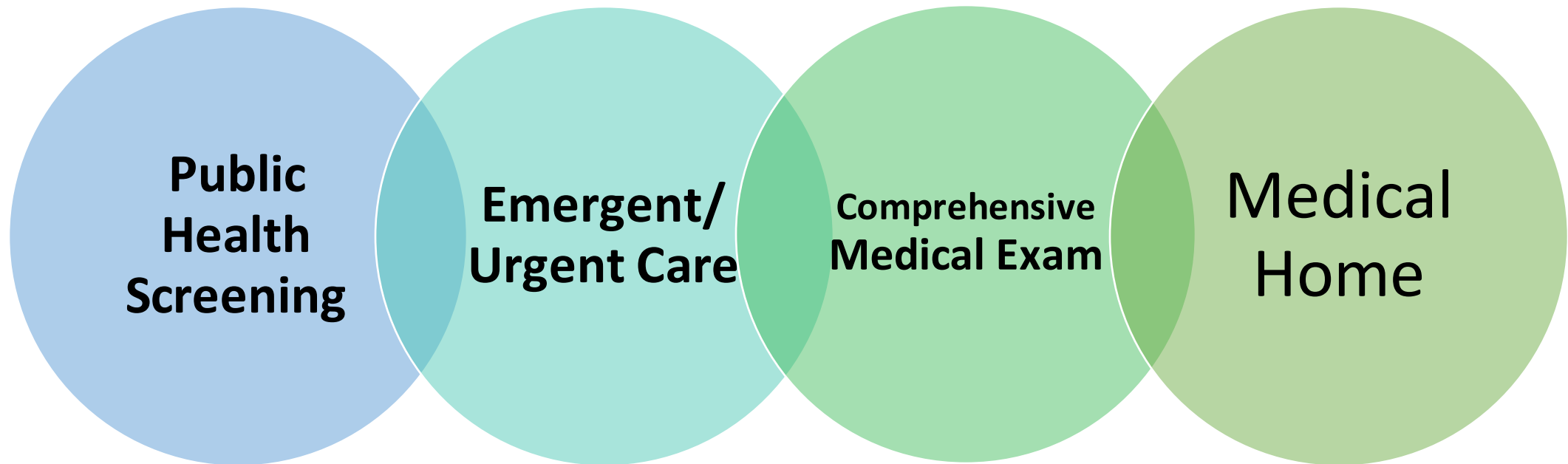
Please Note:

- Emails to alderpeople will be sent to alders preferred email addresses
- A notification template will be provided to all CPD commanders

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Stages of Healthcare Services for New Arrivals



	Onsite	Vaccination	Outbreak Response	Off site Medical Intake	Illness Visit	Behavioral Health at Shelter
Cook Co Health	X*	X		X	X	
Lawndale Christian	X	X	X		X	X
Heartland	X	X	X		X	X
Rush	X	X	X		X	
UIC	X	X	X		X	
Advocate Aurora Health	X	X		X	X	
Alivio	X	X		X	X(offsite)	
Esperanza	X			X	X	
Community Health	X	X		X	X(offsite)	
CORE	X	X				
Other FQHCs				X	X(offsite)	

*Establishing mobile services

MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- CDPH launched a provider informational survey on January 3 to discuss the health needs of the new arrival population and the potential for involvement. Interested providers should fill out the following survey and unaffiliated individuals who would like to volunteer are encouraged to apply to the Medical Reserve Corps.
 - **Volunteer Medical Organization**
survey: <https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=CPNKWRRLHEX8XLLR>
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** – Unaffiliated individuals should **NOT** fill out the survey but are encouraged to apply to the MRC.
 - Information on the MRC can be found [here](#); those interested in applying to the MRC can start through the [Illinois Helps Volunteer Page](#).



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Chicago Cares and Chicago Refugee Coalition will be supporting the launch of a citywide volunteer program.
- CDPH is mobilizing medical providers and volunteers.

AMERICORPS VISTAS

- (3) VISTA members housed at the Mayor's Office and collaborate with volunteer-based organizations to promote volunteerism.
- (4) VISTA members will support DFSS New Arrivals Sheltering Team
- (1) VISTA member who is designated as VISTA Leader.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- Coordination of resources for Haitian and other migrants from the African diaspora



APPLY

- **Donate or Volunteer**

- With mutual aid groups helping with the migrant mission
- Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)

- **Recommend Apartments Units**

Suggest rental units

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action

