

# Update to Coordinated Entry

## COVID Prioritization

In October 2020, Coordinated Entry implemented a COVID based prioritization methodology based on guidance issued by HUD and WA State Department of Commerce. As recommended in the [2021 CE Evaluation](#) Executive Summary, we are implementing integration of Behavioral Health and Gender Identity Data into COVID Prioritization as of April 10, 2023.

### **v2 COVID Prioritization, implemented April 2023:**

Data is currently sourced from four databases:

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- WA Medicaid
- Health Care For the Homeless (HCHN), Public Health Seattle & King County
- **King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) data**

Risk factors:

- Individuals with pre-existing health conditions which put them at higher risk for mortality from COVID-19
- Individuals of any race and ethnicity disproportionately represented in the homeless system & disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- Households who are pregnant
- Individuals at higher risk for mortality from COVID-19 based on age
- **Individuals with Behavioral Health Risk as recorded in BHRD Data:**
  - Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) calls that have occurred in the last two years, regardless of their outcome - involuntary hospitalization or no involuntary hospitalization
  - Outpatient Behavioral Health Treatment in last two years where the outpatient tier in the Mental Health (MH) Population Health Stratification is "high" OR where there is outpatient Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment
  - Inpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment in the last two years
  - Inpatient Detox in the last two years
- **Individuals with specific Gender Identity as recorded in HMIS:**
  - Transgender
  - Non-binary, Genderfluid, Agender, Culturally Specific Gender
  - Cisgender Female