

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS MIGRANT RESPONSE FRAMEWORK

Date February 26, 2024

Leadership Intent (Will evolve over time)

Understand and evaluate our community partners' capacity to shelter migrants; identify potential resources and create decision points for a contingent disaster response.

Incident Information/Situation Summary

Denver City/County:

Denver area agencies supporting migrants are seeking sheltering alternatives along the Front Range. Support operations remain centralized in the Denver metro area. Shelters are currently at about 2,635 occupancy (as of 2/23/2024.) Individuals without children are permitted to stay within the shelter for 14 days, while those with children are permitted to stay between 42-120 days depending on their circumstances. As of Tuesday, Feb. 20, Denver has supported 38,660 migrants from the southern border.

Most migrants have been processed at the border, assigned an Alien Number (A Number), and can apply for work authorization.

[Denver Migrant Dashboard](#)

Pikes Peak Region:

While Denver is experiencing a crisis due to the continuous flow of migrants into their area, there is no crisis in the Pikes Peak region.

Some community partners within the region are seeing an increase demand for food, shelter, and clothing. However, not all can be directly attributed to migrants.

Local hospitals have seen an upward trend in non-reimbursable services; however, due to healthcare information restrictions this cannot be directly attributed to migrants.

The City/County of Denver has committed to directly notifying any Pikes Peak region local government jurisdictions regarding any efforts to rent additional hotel space outside of the City/County of Denver.

Note: Migrants are moving independently, or with assistance from non-profits, as they seek opportunities and resources outside of Denver.

Decision Points

If one or more of the following events occur, an emergency coordination call with leadership and supporting partners will be established to determine next steps and process:

- A significant and uncoordinated/unplanned surge of migrants into the Pikes Peak region
- The establishment of spontaneous encampment(s)
- Public Health identifies a communicable disease outbreak
- An unplanned influx of migrants results in the demand for shelter and other life-saving services that exceeds the community's capacity
- Notification that local hotels are being contracted for sheltering migrants

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Communications Coordination

- Community partners will speak for themselves and can contact other group members if additional support is needed
- Coordination calls will occur on a regular basis

Anticipated Future Impacts

- As time limits are implemented in Denver shelters, there is an anticipated increase in organic and informal flow of migrants throughout the State as they disperse from Denver
- An increase of migrant traffic at the border results in an increase of traffic in Denver
- The last two Decembers saw significant increase in border traffic
- The upcoming 2024 General Election—no matter the outcome—brings the possibility of change in policy/practices and likely will result in a significant increase of migrant traffic around November/December

Lines of Effort

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City Policy Group	Partner Coordination	State and Federal Funding	Public Safety	Joint Information System
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