

On March 20, 2020, the State of New York received a major disaster declaration (DR-4480) to provide emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance (PA) program through the disaster declaration. On April 9, 2020, FEMA approved New York's statewide plan for non-congregate sheltering. This approval allows governmental entities and private non-profits (PNPs) to utilize hotel and motel rooms as non-congregate sheltering for certain defined populations. The costs associated with non-congregate sheltering conforming to New York's approved plan would be eligible for partial reimbursement under FEMA's Public Assistance program. Additional information can be found at [DHES Active Declarations](#) under DR-4480.

New York's statewide NCS plan identifies 3 target populations for non-congregate sheltering:

- COVID-19 positive individuals requiring isolation but not hospitalization and who do not have an appropriate home setting, or have a medically vulnerable individual in the home setting where they would otherwise be isolated;
- Healthcare providers and emergency responders interacting with presumptive or confirmed positive COVID-19 patients in an occupational setting, to include testing sites; and,
- Individuals that are or were supported by a congregate care shelter facility, to include homeless persons, domestic violence survivors, and elder abuse survivors.

Please note that New York City received approval for a Citywide Non-congregate sheltering plan on March 30, 2020. The Statewide Non-congregate sheltering plan differs slightly from the Citywide plan in terms of populations identified. FEMA will allow entities in NYC to utilize the State-wide plan if they wish to include those additional populations approved in the State plan.

DHSES will be including this information in our upcoming applicant's briefings and will post it to [DHES Active Declarations](#) under DR-4480. Note that DHSES continues to work with FEMA on implementation guidance under this program and additional information will be shared as it becomes known.