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Kern Project Roomkey (KPR) is a short-term initiative to protect the health and safety of our community by enabling homeless individuals who are at high risk for COVID-19 to temporarily self-isolate at a local motel, so that they can safely quarantine and shelter-in-place.

To be eligible for Kern Project Roomkey, a homeless person must be:

- Over the age of 65, OR
- Have a chronic health condition, e.g., lung disease, heart disease or a compromised immune system, OR
- Pregnant, AND
- Able to provide care and self-manage

How Kern Project Roomkey Works

Referral

Unsheltered homeless persons who have not had any known or suspected COVID-19 exposures are referred to KPR by a street outreach team, hospital, homeless service provider, or by calling (661) 342-5586.

Placement

Individuals who meet eligibility criteria are offered placement in KPR. If the individual accepts and agrees to program policies, KPR arranges transportation to its lodging facility.

Support

Once an individual is placed in KPR, they are tested for COVID-19 within 24 hours. KPR assigns all participants a primary medical and behavioral health care team. Participants can remain in KPR for up to 90 days.

Kern Project Roomkey Contacts

To refer an individual for placement in Kern Project Roomkey, call
(661) 342-5586

To share community feedback, contact
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Kern Project Roomkey is a joint project of the Housing Authority of Kern County, the California Veterans Assistance Foundation and the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative. KPR is committed to good neighbor practices like open communication, community clean-up and enhanced security to ensure a strong partnership to address homelessness.