

## Project Roomkey FAQ



## Kern Project Roomkey Frequently Asked Questions

### **Is KPR converting motels into homeless shelters?**

**No.** KPR has contracted with 1 local motel to provide lodging for unsheltered homeless persons at high-risk of COVID-19. KPR will last 5 months, and individuals can stay in the program for up to 90 days.

### **Will KPR increase the number of homeless people I see in my neighborhood?**

**Likely not.** The purpose of KPR is to provide vulnerable individuals with a safe place to quarantine and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Participants agree to shelter-in-place and not leave the facility except for essential services.

### **What happens to participants after KPR?**

KPR will provide supportive services and opportunities for program participants to be placed in permanent supportive housing, rather than return to the streets.

### **Will there be more litter and trash on our streets?**

**Likely not.** KPR will be contained to our partner motel's facilities, and neighbors should not see an increase in litter.

### **Will there be criminals and/or registered sex offenders at KPR?**

KPR will conduct criminal background checks and make appropriate decisions for the safety and well-being of other KPR participants and neighbors. Registered sex offenders will not be allowed in KPR.

### **What is being done to address homelessness in our neighborhood?**

Homelessness is a complex issue, and every homeless person is an individual with a personal story of how they ended up on the streets. KPR plans to organize street outreach with unsheltered homeless persons residing in the neighborhoods surrounding KPR to build trust and help them access appropriate housing and supportive services so they can have a permanent place to call home.