

Hotels-4-Health program helps pay for hotels, motels if needed amid pandemic

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GREENVILLE, Pitt County — Trillium Health Resources is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to offer payment for non-congregate shelter in motels and hotels to those meeting specific criteria amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Trillium leaders say anyone needing shelter upon a COVID-19 quarantine or isolation order is applicable if they meet the following criteria:

- Category 1: Isolation Case those testing positive for COVID-19 who do not require hospitalization, but who warrant a place to safely quarantine (requires isolation orders, including time period and restrictions).
- Category 2: Quarantine Case those exposed who do not require hospitalization but who warrant a place to safely quarantine (requires quarantine orders, including time period and restrictions).
- Category 3: Persons needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, as determined by public health officials, particularly for high-risk groups such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic disease); this may include those living in a situation that makes them unable to adhere to social distancing guidance.

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Officials say hotel stays, transportation to the hotel and meals or food while staying in hotel are all available under FEMA Public Assistance. Recipients will need to document receipts and evidence upon approval, Trillium says.

Those who believe they may meet these criteria can call Trillium's Housing Coordinator at 910-612-2188 for an assessment. There will be a limit for the number of nights that can be reimbursed, and also a limit to the nightly hotel cost.



For more information, visit Trillium Health Resources <u>online</u>.

Trillium Health Resources works to help individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 26 counties in eastern North Carolina.