Fact sheet: Siting of modular units for COVID-19

Where are modular units being located in response to COVID-19?

- Top Hat: 206 SW 112th St., Seattle, capacity for 8 modular units. The modulars will initially have a portable toilet and hand washing station for each room and will operate off of generator power until they can be connected to utilities.
- Elliott: 531 Elliott Avenue West, Seattle. Capacity of up to 72 people.
- Aurora: 1132 N. 128th Street, Seattle. Planned for 6 modular units. The City of Seattle is engaging residents in this area to identify immediate and long-term community needs.

What is the capacity of each modular unit?

- Each modular unit has 4 rooms.
- Each modular unit has a bathroom and 2 beds.
- Public Health will determine how many people will be in each room.
- Family members could potentially share a room.

How many other sites are being or were considered?

This is a county-wide emergency and we are looking for sites and facilities across the county and in partnership with the City of Seattle, which is also identifying shelter locations in response to COVID-19.

Can you explain some of the criteria the search is based on?

We are looking initially at county-owned sites. This is a declared state of emergency and county-owned sites give us authority over permitting, allowing us to respond to public health needs more quickly. We were also looking for sites with access to utilities such as water, power, and sewer. The modular units are equipped to be set up with such utilities. In the meantime, we can use portable hand-washing stations, port-a-potties, and generators as needed.