**Shelter Considerations**

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| **Access & Functional Needs** | **Example Situations**  | **Accommodations** |
| **Access** | Mobility impairedThose with strollersDelivery of shelter supplies | **Site Access**Accessible parking for cars near entrance Car Drop Off AreasAccommodates entry, circulation, drop off for buses**Entrance/Exit**RampsCurb cutsAccessible handrails, door hardware, & entry threshold**Sleeping Area**Rows between cots sufficient for wheel chairs and durable medical equipment**Restrooms**Accessible bathroom doors, toilet stalls, toilets, sinks**Showers**No ledge (roll in)Hand held shower headBench**General**Canes, walkers, wheel chairs availableClear pathways (no obstacles)Pathways between shelter areas accessible to all |
| **Communications**(508 Compliance – information is not actionable if it is not accessible) | Deaf and hard of hearing | Signage (words and pictures)Interpreters on site; language line supportMaterials in local languages; with pictures; large printCaptioning on videos; information recorded text on digital records (e.g. iPods, MP3s, CDs)Communication DevicesNote pad and paper; braille & raised letter signageMessage boardMagnifying tools (glasses, table magnifiers)Cell phone service |
| Visually impaired |
| Non-English speaking |
| Intellectual disabilities |
| Young Children |
| All those disoriented by the emergency circumstances |
| **Maintaining Health** | Special dietary needsMedical Conditions (asthma, diabetes, allergies…) | Medications/Pharmacy access or deliveryRoom next to cot for medical equipment110V Power for medical equipment (e.g. CPAP)Dietitian/nutritionistCaregiver/case mangerDining area accessibleBattery chargers |
| **Independence** | What is needed to stay at home  | (A Personal Independence Checklist that could be reviewed and signed-off by (?) allowing person to return home) |
| **Safety, support, and self-determination** | DementiaChildrenIndividuals over 300 poundsAll  | Family member to assist co-located in shelterCaregiver/Case manager/Personal AssistantDay care availablePrivacy/Security Screening AreasAlert mechanism (whistles? Slide alarm, …)Grab Bars (sleeping area, toilets, showers, …)Cots modified to address disability-related needsService animal safety and support; co-located with owner |
| **Transportation** | Lacking appropriate transport | Public transportation access (paratransit, bus)Surface type (e.g. paved versus gravel)Painted drop off areaPainted Accessible parkingMedical taxi |