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## **City of Charleston Warming Center to Re-Open Tonight**

**Charleston, S.C.**—Due to the expected cold temperatures this evening, the city of Charleston’s warming center will re-open at 8 p.m. tonight, Saturday, December 26, 2020 and will remain open until 7 a.m. tomorrow.

**How it works:** Guests must arrive by 11 p.m. to be checked in. The warming center at the Arthur W. Christopher Community Center, at 265 Fishburne Street, will offer individuals who are homeless a place to spend the night during tonight’s inclement weather. Cots, pillows, blankets, dinner and breakfast will be provided.

This shelter will be able to house up to 80 men, women and children, within recommended CDC guidelines for sheltering during COVID-19 to allow for proper social distancing.

For the safety of the volunteers and guests, before entering, each individual will be checked for COVID symptoms and will have their temperature taken. Masks will be provided and required to be worn at all times.

**Transportation:** CARTA will provide complimentary transportation within its service area to the warming shelter.

- When boarding, riders should inform drivers they would like to go to the warming shelter.
- Riders will be taken to the Mary Street transit hub (if boarding a route that services Mary Street) or to a connection point with a route that services Mary Street.
- From Mary Street, riders will be transported to the shelter.
- The last pickup from Mary Street will occur at 9 p.m.

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