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## **Social Welfare enables Raúl Mesa pavilion to serve homeless during the coronavirus crisis**

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Social Welfare department has enabled Raúl Mesa pavilion to serve homeless people during the coronavirus crisis and which will be operational from 2.30 p.m. on Friday. The councillor of the area, Angela Llorca, explained "25 beds contributed by the Red Cross have been installed and the space has been distributed so that the distances required by the health authorities, as well as all preventive and hygiene protocols are met."

Llorca has indicated that 15 people will be moved there that before the Department of Social Welfare had sent to them a local hostel, as there is "more capacity and also it is possible to accommodate other people who are in the same situation and could be detected by the Local Police on the streets of Benidorm. "In this regard, the councillor has asked" if anyone knows of a case, inform the Local Police so that they can act immediately. "

The head of Social Welfare has indicated that "these people are especially vulnerable to the virus, so from minute one the municipal services have been working so that these people leave the street and have their basic needs are covered, first being cared for in a hostel and now in Raúl Mesa pavilion where we can also apply all prevention and hygiene measures ". In addition, and as the councillor has explained, among the measures decreed by the Government of Spain is the next closure of all lodgings in the country, which must be effective in less than a week.

While the state of alarm lasts, the Department of Social Welfare will offer three meals a day to users, and their temperature will be controlled daily. In addition, there will be an ambulance service available 24 hours with two health professionals and private surveillance; and users will have hygiene material and clothing.

This space will be coordinated by the Social Services with the support of Civil Protection and the Red Cross, as well as volunteers and coordinated by the City Council within the campaign 'Help against the coronavirus'.



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