



HUDSON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Dear Public Housing Resident:

RE: COVID-19 Federal Public Housing Waivers and Program Changes

This letter is to explain some temporary changes to the Public Housing Program to protect residents and Hudson Housing Authority (HHA) staff. First, the HHA will be providing service in a manner to limit in person contact to protect. Where possible services will be performed by mail, email, telephone and fax. The HHA has amended our policies to accept electronic signatures and scanned documents where permissible to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Below are some additional changes authorized by HUD. Please note all of the dates below are established by HUD. They may change if HUD extends them.

Activities Related to Annual and Interim Examinations

1. Where annual reexaminations can be done without jeopardizing the health and safety of staff and participants, the HHA will continue to complete reexaminations by mail. However, we have adopted a waiver which will allow us to extend the time to perform your reexamination late if needed due to COVID-19. If you are having problems supplying information due to COVID-19 you should contact the HHA and we will extend the time frame if warranted.
2. The HHA is adopting a waiver to be more flexible in what we can accept to verify income. In some cases, you may be asked to "self-certify" as to your income. If that is the case you are reminded that you are required to provide true and complete information as failure to do so is grounds for termination of your tenancy.
3. Where applicable you should report decreases in income to the Housing Authority as soon as possible so that we may adjust your rent.
4. The Community Service and Self Sufficiency requirement has been suspended and will become effective only after the next reexamination (ends March 31, 2021). Note: persons that are elderly or disabled or already working more than 20 hours continue to be exempt from this requirement.

Annual Plan

Due to the necessity to postpone public hearings, the HHA's 5 Year Plan date has been extended.

Notice of Changes

If the HHA changes to policies, rules, through July 31, 2020 the HHA will give you notice as soon as practical. Any notice related to tenant charges will be provided 30 days in advance.

Domestic Violence

The HHA can still process requests for protections under VAWA. Shelter-in-place policies in the U.S. do not require anyone to stay in a violent or unhealthy situation, police officers can still visit any facility that is restricting visitors to respond to 911 calls. For help regarding an abusive relationship, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking you may contact: The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Covid-19 information and updates

For Covid-19 information and updates <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>. You may also dial 211 for real-time COVID-19 information, resources, and referrals in multiple languages. Resources are also available at <https://mass211.org/>. For additional information in disease control and prevention go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

If are experiencing distress the Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

If you are a person with a disability under applicable law and you need a reasonable accommodation please contact the Housing Authority.

On behalf of the HHA, thank you for your patience and cooperation during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Jaelyn A. Beaulieu
Executive Director

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