



All Section 8 and 811 PRA Project Owners and Managers

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With the impact of COVID-19, this notice serves as an informational update and guidance for our assisted properties.

Please know that leadership staff at the Department of Housing along with those from the governing agencies are monitoring the COVID-19 situation. A State Emergency Management and Response Plan is in place and will be initiated should operations at the Department become limited due to continued cancellations or closures.

The Governor's office has provided guidance limiting any large meetings and conferences. Such gatherings, including any meetings with out-of-state colleagues or contractors will largely be revised to a teleconference or online meeting format.

Additionally, the Department is recommending the following measures for property owners and agents.

- All property and unit annual inspections should be postponed through the end of April. Move-in inspections for newly leased units or emergency inspections should proceed as usual. Owner/Agents will not be penalized if annual inspections are deemed late as a result of this delay.
- All group tenant gatherings or activities through the end of April should be cancelled or postponed.
- One-on-one meetings between the Owner/Agent and individual households should be exercised with caution, particularly for any parties exhibiting signs of illness related to COVID-19 symptoms or for those with known exposure to positive cases of the virus.
- Stay up-to-date on [state-level guidance](#) on COVID-19. Guidance from the federal government can also be found by visiting the CDC's website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

We appreciate everyone's commitment to the health and safety of the residents and staff members at our assisted properties.