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COVID-19: AITKIN COUNTY HRA ACTIONS

As the COVID-19 risk evolves in Minnesota, the Aitkin County HRA (ACHRA) is implementing appropriate and well-informed protections for staff and the families we serve. In our actions, we are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Minnesota Department of Health, and the actions of other public housing authorities around the country facing a similar task.

“Social-Distancing” and Operational Changes

ACHRA is closely following public health guidance to determine how business-as-usual will need to change in these difficult circumstances, even as we work to provide the services for which people depend on us.

Effective **immediately**:

1. We will be increasing the frequency of disinfecting all surfaces in public areas including door knobs, light switches, elevators, etc., to inhibit the spread of the virus.
2. All ACHRA staff will be maintaining social distancing and will conduct as much business as possible via telephone, email, and US Mail.
3. ACHRA staff will be limiting any non-essential contact with Residents.
4. No “drop in” consultations/meetings will be held. Meetings with Applicants/Residents will be held by appointment only.
5. Maintenance staff will be responding to Emergency Work Orders only.
6. All common areas of Maryhill Manor, Pioneer Villa and Hill Lake Manor are closed (effectively suspending large gatherings) until further notice. Please note that the laundry rooms will not be closed.

We are reassessing policies daily. In doing so, we rely heavily on guidance from Minnesota health officials with regard to what are considered prudent measures based upon COVID-19 prevalence in the state.

Please contact us at 218-927-2151 with any questions or concerns. You can find additional information regarding Covid-19 at www.health.state.mn.us and www.cdc.gov.