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IMPORTANT NOTICE - COVID-19
March 23, 2020
Johnston Housing Authority Residents

The CDC is recommending that tenants in Independent Living Facilities limit the number of non-essential visitors.

Retirement communities and Independent Living Facilities should be limiting visitation (maximum of one visitor per resident per day, restricting visitors with recent travel and those with symptoms of COVID-19), especially in common areas, to ONLY workers, volunteers, and visitors who are essential to preserving the health, including mental health, well-being, and safety of residents. Advise persons that maintaining social distancing (at least 6 feet) can help reduce coronavirus transmission.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the CDC's recommendations, please call the main office at 401-231-2007.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html>

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living

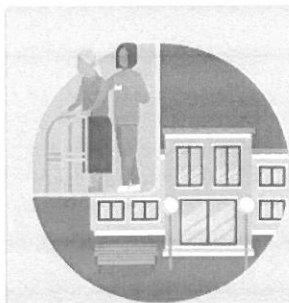
Plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus disease 2019

At all times...

- 1 Encourage your staff or community members to protect their personal health.
- 2 Post the signs and symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- 3 Encourage people to stay home when sick.
- 4 Clean surfaces that are frequently touched – things such as shared desks, countertops, kitchen areas, electronics, and doorknobs.
- 5 Limit events and meetings that require close contact.
- 6 Stay up to date on developments in your community.
- 7 Create an emergency plan for possible outbreak.
- 8 Assess if community members are at higher risk and plan accordingly.

During an outbreak in your area

- 1 Send home or separate anyone who becomes sick.
- 2 If you identify a case, inform people who might have been exposed.
- 3 Continue to safely clean and disinfect the person's area.
- 4 Connect with your local health departments.
- 5 Cancel large meetings or events.
- 6 Put your infectious disease outbreak plan into action.



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March 16, 2020

Johnston Housing Authority Residents

The JHA wants to keep you informed about our response to the presence in Rhode Island of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. We are taking the following actions to help keep our tenants, staff, partners and communities safe:

JHA Offices:

- Effective today at 12 PM, all JHA offices will be **closed** to the public.
- We will operate during normal business hours, but conduct **ALL** business by telephone, e-mail and/or fax.
- We will **NOT** be conducting person-to-person interviews/appointments.
- Please **call** or **e-mail** your property manager or call 401-231-2007.

Maintenance Work Orders:

- If you have maintenance that needs to be done in your apartment, call the office, and we will determine if the work is needed immediately or not.

Social Distancing:

- We strongly suggest for residents to **limit visits** from your family or guests.
- The **Community Room** and all **Public Areas** in your development are being **CLOSED** until further notice. Laundry facilities will remain opened.
- All meetings, workshops and other activities at the JHA locations are being cancelled

Sanitation:

- JHA staff will continue cleaning common areas of the buildings daily, sanitizing door handles, railings, elevators, and other frequently touched surfaces.

IMPORTANT:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if no soap and water is available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- **If you are sick, please contact your primary care doctor.**

We will be providing residents with guidelines and we will be providing staff with a COVID-19 policy in the coming days.

**CALL UNITED WAY'S HELP LINE AT 211 FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE
CORONAVIRUS**