



COVID-19 RESOURCES

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR LMHA RESIDENTS JUNE 2020



Letter from the Executive Director

Throughout LMHA's history we have navigated times of uncertainty, and while COVID-19 has presented a unique global challenge, our team has stepped up in these unprecedented times. In March, we took steps to minimize exposure to residents and staff by transitioning to remote work, closing common areas in all our buildings, and limiting visitors at properties with common hallways and elevators. Maintenance staff was reassigned to ensure that enhanced cleaning and sanitation of all commonly touched surfaces would take place seven days a week. The entire LMHA team and I are committed to doing everything in our ability to assist in keeping you Healthy at Home.

With the high worldwide demand for personal protective equipment (PPE), our team worked creatively to source masks, gloves, and soap to facilitate the distribution of PPE to our public housing participants (see the article below and page 2 for more information.) While I know this is a stressful time for all of us, please be assured that the team at LMHA is here should you need us. Please do not hesitate to communicate any needs or concerns you have with your property managers.

If you have had a change in income as a result of COVID-19 and potentially eligible for a reduction in your rent, or if you are having trouble paying your rent or excess utilities, please contact your management office staff as soon as possible to request an interim reexamination and more information about potential resources. There are additional community resources in this newsletter on pages 3 through 7 that may also be helpful to you during this time.

Thank you for doing your part to flatten the curve for our LMHA community and the Louisville Metro area. It is important now more than ever that we stick together by staying apart.

Lisa Osanka

LMHA Provides Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Public Housing Residents

The health and safety of our residents is LMHA's top priority, which is why we are distributing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to everyone living in our public housing communities. Look for PPE care packages with masks, gloves, and soap to be delivered in the coming days. The Centers for Disease Control has recommended wearing a cloth mask whenever you must leave your home. The masks are intended to prevent you from spreading the COVID-19 virus in case you have unknowingly contracted it and are asymptomatic. Just a reminder, wearing a facemask is an additional level of protection, however we should also continue to practice social distancing and good disease prevention practices. Facemasks do not take the place of remaining Healthy at Home, and face coverings should be worn when social distancing may be difficult, such as walking through a hallway, and when making essential trips to the grocery store or medical visits.



Public Housing – Resident Spotlights

LMHA Mask Makers

Sherita Nelson



Ms. Sherita Nelson has called Beecher Terrace home since birth and lived there for over 50 years until she relocated to Parkway Place in June 2018. With some encouragement from her friends, she recently began sewing masks for the Housing Authority, which will be purchased by LMHA and distributed to public housing residents. Ms. Nelson remembers the first thing she ever sewed – it was a pillow in her middle school Home Economics class. Since then, she has had a love of arts and crafts, including crocheting and sewing. Ms. Nelson enjoys lending a helping hand to those around her and shared that, “I hope people keep helping each other after this is over. Don’t wait until a tragedy to be a friend.”

Rameriz Reed

Mr. Rameriz Reed has a long and diverse history with sewing. A tailor by trade, Mr. Reed got his start behind the sewing machines in his Home Economics class and family home. His grandmother made his father’s and grandfather’s clothes by hand. A cousin had a sewing machine, and Mr. Reed remembers joining her and his sister in making doll clothes and other items. Today, Mr. Reed concentrates on sewing and embroidery. The many friends he has made since becoming a public housing resident recommended him for the task of mask-making, and he has since agreed to make masks, which will be purchased by LMHA and distributed to other public housing/Beecher Terrace residents. Mr. Reed grew up in West Louisville and was a resident of Beecher Terrace for seven years before moving to his current home - a scattered site apartment in Crescent Hill. He says he is grateful for every experience, lesson learned, and friend made at Beecher Terrace, and is happy to have an opportunity to give back to the community during this time.



General Resources



Metro United Way 2-1-1 Help Referral Service

Metro United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral service that helps people face life challenges, often for the first time, by connecting them to the local resources they need. The call line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has translation services in over 100 languages. Calling 2-1-1 connects people to professionals trained to address diverse needs such as domestic violence, emergency shelter, clothing, legal aid, support groups, transportation, education, financial stability, health, and more. <https://metrounitedway.org/get-help-now/>

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR STIMULUS PAYMENT?

Have you received your stimulus payment? If not, visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus> for more information and to learn whether you need to use the "Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info" tool to provide additional information in order to receive the Economic Impact Payment.

Rent/Utilities Resources

CARES Act Suspends Late Fees and Evictions

With the passing of the CARES Act, evictions for nonpayment of rent, and charges/fees for nonpayment of rent, have been temporarily suspended. This applies to all HUD-assisted participants from March 27, 2020 to July 24, 2020. Rent is still due during this time period and will accumulate if unpaid, but landlords, including LMHA, cannot charge any late fees, or accrue charges/fees, and your assistance cannot be immediately terminated. Please see next page for additional rent resources. If you are behind on rent after the suspension of evictions expire you will need to work with LMHA to pay unpaid rent in a lump sum or set up a repayment agreement. Otherwise, your assistance could be terminated and/or LMHA could file an eviction.

Having Trouble Making Rent?

- \$ Public housing participants:** If you lost your job or had a significant loss of income, request an interim reexamination by calling your Property Manager as soon as possible. Your rent can be adjusted to reflect the change in income or you may be eligible for a financial hardship exemption.
- \$ Former Beecher Terrace Residents:** Your Urban Strategies caseworker may be able to connect you with resources to help during this uncertain time. Call (502) 384-0786.

Having Trouble Paying Utilities?

- \$ Governor Andy Beshear's Executive Order 2020-323** suspends utility disconnections and late-payment fees for the duration of the State of Emergency issued in Executive Order 2020-215. If you have not done so already, contact your utility provider to see what payment options may be available. Louisville Gas & Electric can be reached at (502) 589-1444 and the Louisville Water Company at (502) 583-6610.

Please see next page for additional rent resources.



One Louisville COVID-19 Response Fund – Household Assistance

Louisville Metro Office of Resilience and Community Services is proud to play this role in helping individuals and families who have experienced a loss of income related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning March 19, 2020, financial assistance is available to help with rental assistance, childcare, transportation, food and utilities. Income eligible households, with a verifiable loss of income – directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic – and a demonstrated need, may be eligible to receive payment assistance up to \$1,000 per household. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis until available funding is expended.

For more information, and to apply, call (502) 874-5060 OR apply online at www.OneLouHelp.itfrontdesk.com.

Team Kentucky Fund Financial Assistance

Community Action of Kentucky, Inc. will provide financial vouchers of up to \$1,000 for eligible persons. Vouchers will be provided for the following approved expenses:

- 💰 Rent assistance: a voucher may be issued for the payment of rent. The voucher will be made directly payable to the applicant's landlord.
- 💰 Mortgage assistance: a voucher may be issued for payment of a mortgage. The voucher will be made directly payable to the mortgage holder, including, if applicable, any escrowed tax or insurance obligations pursuant to the terms of the applicant's note and mortgage.
- 💰 Food/Grocery assistance: a voucher may be issued for groceries to be purchased. The voucher will be made directly payable to a grocer.
- 💰 Utility assistance: a voucher may be issued for the payment of utilities, including electricity, water, gas, sewage, bottled gas used for home heating, and waste/trash.

To learn more or to apply for financial assistance: <https://teamkyfund.ky.gov/>

Employment Services

Employment and Training

KentuckianaWorks provides jobs and training opportunities for adults and youths ages 16 - 24. Some of the various training industries available are Construction, Nursing, Coding, IT Support, Manufacturing and much more. To learn more about virtual training options - <https://www.kentuckianaworks.org/>



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Services

Kentucky Career Center
(502) 595-4003

To file a claim or follow up with one. <https://uiclaims.des.ky.gov/ebenefit/eben.htm>

Healthcare Resources

Medical Care and COVID-19 Testing



Park Duvalle Community Health Center (PDCHC), 3015 Wilson Avenue, 40211, (502) 774-4401

COVID testing is being done by appointment only at PDCHC's Wilson Avenue location for existing patients of any of their clinic locations. PDCHC is also accepting new patients at all their locations. <http://pdchc.org/> Individuals who are NOT patients of PDCHC or their satellites may call UofL Health at 502-588-0401 to schedule testing.



Smoketown Family Wellness Center, 760 S. Hancock Street, 40203, (502) 242-7458

Currently providing telehealth visits and phone calls during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pediatric care and health/wellness education for the entire family is available. Now accepting new pediatric patients. <https://smoketownwellness.org/>



Family Health Centers

The Family Health Centers, Multiple Locations, (502) 774-8631

Providing primary care for adults and children, women's health, mental health services, pharmacies, and assistance with signing up for health insurance. Dental care for urgent dental needs is also available. Evaluation and testing for COVID is available by appointment only. Services are provided in-person at seven locations throughout Louisville/Jefferson County, and telephone and Video Visits are also available. www.fhclouisville.org

Behavioral Healthcare Services

Wellspring § 211 W. Breckinridge Street, 40203 § (502) 589-3432

Portland Health Center § 465 N. 26th Street, 40212 § (502) 785-9481

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) § 708 Magazine Street, 40203 § (502) 588-2008

Bridgehaven Mental Health Services § 950 S. 1st Street, 40203 § (502) 907-2820

Seven Counties Services § Multiple Locations § (502) 589-1100

Food Distribution Resources

Dare to Care Food Pantry Sites

MOLO Village § 1407 W. Jefferson Street § 40203 § (502) 417-8438

Sister Visitor § 2238 W. Market Street § 40212 § (502) 776-0155

St. Augustine Church § 1310 W. Broadway § 40203 § (502) 584-4602

Walnut Street Baptist Church § 220 W. St. Catherine § 40203 § (502) 589-3545



To find the location(s) nearest you call Dare to Care at (502) 966-3821 or call 211.

JCPS Summer Feeding Sites

Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) will continue its Summer Feeding Programs for students, at the sites that have had Emergency Feeding resources. A complete listing of sites and hours of operation is available at <https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/sites/default/files/Emergency%20Feeding%20Sites.pdf>. Feeding sites near some of LMHA's larger family properties include:

Roosevelt Perry Elementary § 1615 W. Broadway § 40203

McFerran Elementary § 1900 South 7th Street § 40208

Carter Elementary § 3600 Bohne Avenue § 40211

Parkland Boys & Girls Club § 3200 Greenwood Avenue § 40211

Smoketown Family Wellness Center § 760 S. Hancock Street § 40203

The 550 Building § 550 South 8th Street § 40203

Fresh Stop Markets



New Roots has been making fresh food for ALL a reality for ten years. Once again this year, they are offering biweekly shares (bags) of affordable, local, organic produce. Online orders are now being accepted for the first share of the 2020 Fresh Stop Market growing season.

Fresh Stop Markets are farm-fresh food markets that pop up biweekly in Louisville and southern Indiana neighborhoods. Eight Fresh Stop Markets are available to choose from this year, and they accept (and double) SNAP Benefits. Shareholders (customers) pool their resources—both SNAP Benefits and Debit/Credit—on an income-based sliding scale to pre-purchase shares (bags) of nine varieties of local, seasonal, organic produce from Kentucky farmers. Every week's share is different depending on what is in season, but everyone gets the same amount (nine varieties) regardless of what they pay. The prices range from \$6 to \$40 depending on income, for \$40 worth of food. It's a huge bag with the most delicious local produce in the region! No one is turned away for lack of resources.

For Fresh Stop Market locations, to place an online order for a share, or more information visit <https://newroots.org/>, call 502-509-6770 or email info@newroots.org.

Education & Youth Services _____

Summer Reading and the Cultural Pass return June 1!



The Louisville Free Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program and the Cultural Pass return for another summer full of exciting stories, entertaining activities, and lots of fun. Everyone who completes Summer Reading will receive a drawstring backpack, free passes for local attractions (when they re-open), and free treats, as well as be entered into grand prize drawings.

This year, both the Summer Reading Program and Cultural Pass will be presented online at www.LFPL.org/SummerReading. LFPL will offer regularly scheduled virtual programs each week via the Library's website and Facebook page with story times every Tuesday and STEAM Club every Thursday (both at 11 a.m.). PLUS, other exciting surprises will be announced soon! Stay tuned to the Library's Facebook page and website for more information!

More Summer Youth Programming

Louisville Central Community Centers, 1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., 40203, (502) 583-8821



Programs: Progress Education Performance; Teen Leadership; Kids Art Academy; Boys to Men. Virtual youth programming will be available. Visit <http://www.lcccnews.org/> for more information.

Louisville Urban League, 1535 W. Broadway, 40203, (502) 561-6830

Programs: Street Academy, Project Ready, Parent Leadership Academy, Urban Youth Golf Program, and more. For information on virtual programming, visit <https://lul.org/>.



St. George's Scholar Institute: Reading Rockets 2020 is now taking registrations for youth in grades 1 through 8. This free program includes morning Pep Rally's, Reading Literacy, S.T.E.A.M. education, Family Interaction, Arts & Crafts, Organized REC, Healthy Cooking, and more! Interested candidates can RSVP your youth now at: www.sgsi.app.rsvpify.com. For questions, call (502) 907-0670 or email khughes@stgeorgesky.org.

National Center for Families Learning: Camp Wonderopolis® is the free online summer-learning destination that's full of fun, interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments! Camp Wonderopolis can help build vocabulary, background knowledge in science, reading comprehension, critical thinking, and other literacy skills along the way. Register as a Camper (kids of all ages) or Counselor (parents, community and library program staff, teachers at www.Wonderopolis.org.



2020 Census

Now, more than ever, it's important to take part in the 2020 Census, as the official count is what helps determine federal funding levels for school lunch programs, public safety allocations, hospitals, highway projects and more. Data collected from the 2020 Census is also be used as a determining factor in our city's congressional representation.

Responding to the census is easier and safer than ever, and it's not too late to participate. During the self-response phase, there are three easy ways to respond to the Census form that you have received in the mail: 1) Online at my2020census.gov will be available until August 14th, 2) By phone you can call 844-330-2020, and 3) By mail you can just send back your paper questionnaire. Options #2 and #3 are available until October 31st.

Beginning August 11th, Census takers will be visiting those households who have not responded. The Census Bureau DOES NOT CALL households to ask them to complete the Census.

Please encourage your family and friends to fill out their 2020 Census and be counted! Louisville's official Census count will be delivered to Congress and the President in April 2021.

You can visit www.2020census.gov or talk to your Urban Strategies Case Manager at (502) 384-0786 about any questions you might have about filling out your form.



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