



District of Columbia Housing Authority

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DCHA Senior Public Housing Visitor Policy During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency

Dear Senior Community Member,

The health and safety of residents is a priority for the D.C. Housing Authority. This updated policy is intended to protect DCHA residents during the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

This guidance will be effective starting at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020 until further notice.

All residents living in public housing buildings designated for seniors or senior/disabled families are being notified of this policy via e-mail and by mail. This guidance will also be posted in all common areas of public housing buildings and posted on the DCHA website: www.dchousing.org/coronavirus.

Senior and/or Senior Disabled Public Housing Visitor Policy

This policy applies to public housing dedicated to senior and/or senior/disabled residents. DC Health and CDC has determined that this population is at higher risk for complications resulting from COVID-19 infection because of age and a greater likelihood of chronic pre-existing health conditions.

- Every day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., non-essential visitors shall be limited to one person per day, per unit.
- Essential personnel will be permitted to access resident units.
- Examples of essential personnel include:
 - Individuals who serve the well-being, security, and health of residents;
 - Individuals delivering food from an official food provider such as a restaurant or food pantry;
 - Individuals delivering packages, including USPS, FedEx, UPS, groceries, medicine, or similar official deliveries of essential goods; and
 - Personal care assistants, social workers, and volunteers delivering food or other essential items.
- Signage and front desk personnel, if present, will request that all visitors wear a cloth face covering or a mask.
- Where possible, visitors must sign in at the front desk. The sign-in sheet will provide a space for the visitor to confirm that (1) visitor has not experienced the symptoms of COVID-19, (2) visitor has not been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19, and (3) visitor does not have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

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For resources and additional information on the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.



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DCHA will provide updates on this visitation policy via public postings in common areas, e-mail, text message, and the DCHA website.

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- Non-essential visitors shall be limited to one person per day, per unit Monday – Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Essential personnel will be permitted to access resident units.
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Centers for Disease Control – *Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance)*: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html>.
DC Health – *DC Health Infection Control Recommendations for Preparedness & Management of COVID-19 in Skilled Nursing Facilities*: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/1468466>