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UPDATED COVID GUIDELINES (Effective 9-13-21)

Effective, Monday, 9-13-21, all SMHA Staff, Residents, Visitors and Contractors on SMHA property must wear a face mask/face covering when around others and in common areas/hallways. The Delta Variant has increased COVID cases in our area and we must, once again, take precautionary methods to avoid spreading the virus.

Face Masks and Temperature Checks:

- Face masks must be worn by vaccinated and unvaccinated staff, Residents and Visitors when in common areas and around others on SMHA property.
- Property Managers must mandate that all their Staff, Residents and Visitors wear face masks when in all common areas/hallways.
- If you have guests/visitors at the Central Office or any other SMHA property, they must wear a mask in our common areas.
- Ample Social Distancing must be enforced for all meetings.
- Temperature checks will again resume effective immediately and especially if you are feeling poorly throughout the day. If you are running a temperature of 100.4 or higher you will be asked to go home and seek further instruction from your Health Care Provider.

Meetings and Gatherings:

- All meetings and gatherings must adhere to the occupancy guidelines posted in each of our conference and activity rooms. While in meetings optimal social distancing will be required.
- Virtual Teams Meetings are highly encouraged.
- It is advised that only meetings of the highest importance and urgency take place at the in-person level.
- Social/entertainment gatherings should be held in venues that offer optimal social distancing or outdoors, if possible.
- All meeting room tables and chairs must be disinfected after each use. Please keep disinfectant and paper towels in each meeting room for this purpose.

Elevators:

- Elevator floor decals will be ordered to advise riders where to stand while in elevators.
- Maximum occupancy for each elevator is two (2).
- Masks must be worn while in the elevators at all sites, regardless of your vaccination status.
- Please post occupancy signs inside the elevator and post signs near the call buttons for the elevators on each floor.

Central Office Lobby Area:

- Only 3 visitors will be permitted in the Central Office (COCC) Lobby at one time.
- All group meetings are to adhere to the occupancy levels posted for each room. Social distancing and facial coverings will be required.
- **Lobby Hours will once again be reduced to: 9 AM to 11 AM and 2 PM to 4 PM; Monday through Friday, until further notice.**

Resident Building Lobby Areas, Activity Rooms and Meeting Areas:

- Managers immediately determine and post the number of Residents/Visitors that can safely occupy your lobby and activity rooms without going over the posted occupancy limit. Room occupancy signs were sent out to all sites earlier this summer. **The CDC recommends that the maximum room capacity not exceed 25% of the normal occupancy level (i.e., if the room has a normal capacity of 50 persons, 25% of 50 would be 12, so the maximum capacity for that room would be 12 Persons).**
- Face Masks must be worn by all when occupying these areas.
- Face Masks must be worn by all when meeting one-on-one with Residents and Visitors.
- Secured drop boxes will be used to collect rent payments and any other correspondence from Residents.
- Residents are encouraged to utilize the drop boxes in lieu of face-to-face contact (if possible).
- All Residents are to follow SMHA's COVID guidelines to protect themselves, as well as, their families.