## Newburyport Housing Authority

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May 19, 2020

TO: All Residents

FR: Tracy M. Watson, Executive Director

RE: COVID19 Weekly Newsletter

I am please to let Sullivan Building residents know that we will begin A/C installations!

Please see attached detailed information!







Please also see attached info for CAT OWNER'S!! This help is not just for feral cat feeders but ALL cat owners! If you need help feeding your animals please reach out!

#### HAIRDRESSER UPDATE



There have been some questions regarding when Denise will be back to provide hairdressing services for residents...at this time the community rooms remain closed and Denise will NOT be opening next week.

I will update residents as the situation progresses.

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#### MASK DISTRIBUTION May 21, 2020

On May 6, 2020, Governor Charles Baker order required face coverings in public places where social distancing is not possible for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are very fortunate that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Regional Capital Assessment Teams and Executive Directors of Housing Authorities have coordinated and secured with MEMA three (3) million masks for Massachusetts Public Housing Authorities and Shelters for residents and staff.

These masks are intended for non medical use only; while they will say KN-95 on them, they do not offer the same protections as a KN-95 or N-95 mask. Wearer should use them as if they were basic cloth masks and continue to maintain at least a six-foot distance from other whenever possible.

In light of new data about how COVID-19 spreads, along with evidence of widespread COVID-19 illness in communities across the country, CDC recommends that people wear a mask/cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth in a community setting. This is an additional public health measure people should take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in addition to (not instead of) social distancing, frequent hand cleaning and other everyday preventive actions. A mask/cloth face covering is not intended to protect the wearer, but may prevent the spread of virus from the wearer to others. This would be especially important in the event that someone is infected but does not have symptoms.

A mask/cloth face covering should be worn whenever people go into public settings which includes but not limited to all common areas, hallways, laundry area, elevators and outdoors where you cannot social distance.

We would appreciate that every resident be considerate and comply with wearing a mask/face covering for the protection of yourself and those around you.





# Need help feeding your cat?

Call the Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society

978-462-0760





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## 7 WAYS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Masks and gloves are your first line of defense, but here are some more ways you can curb the spread of COVID-19!



#### No handshaking

Wave, fist bump, bow, elbow bump, etc.



#### Use your knuckles

For light switches, elevator buttons, etc. For bigger Items, use paper towels or disposable gloves.



#### Open doors with your closed fist or hip

Do not grasp handles, unless there is no other way to open the door. Especially important for commercial spaces like public bathrooms.



#### Always have sanitiser on deck

Keep a bottle of sanitiser available at your home's entrances, in your car, or even in your bag for use when you can't immediately wash your hands.



#### Use disinfectant wipes

When out and about, especially at stores or restaurants, wipe down seats, handles, equipment, tools, etc.



#### Clean your hands

Wash with soap for 10-20 seconds and/or use a 60% (or higher) alcohol-based hand sanitiser whenever you return home from any activity that involves public locations.



#### Cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue

... and discard immediately! Sneeze or cough into your elbow only if you have to. The clothing on your elbow will retain infectious virus that can still be passed on for up to a week or more!









NHA & WNHA will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day.

### EMERGENCIES WILL BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY BY CALLING 978.465.7216



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## AIR CONDITIONER INSTALLATION SIGN UP NOTICE

Annual Air Conditioner Installations will begin on or around May 26, 2020. Please read this entire notice for all details.

Attached please find the SIGN UP sheet for installation.

Once the form is completed please drop it along with your installation fee in the RENT DROP box located in the lobby of The Sullivan Building.

Due to the current situation appointments cannot be given for installation. Maintenance will be installing on a rolling basis day by day.

#### FEES:

\$35.00 for installation

There is an ADDITIONAL fee of \$35.00 for the plexi glass if
you do not already have it or have misplaced it.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE MAINTENANCE STAFF TO ASK THEM TO INSTALL YOUR AIR CONDITIONER.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

NAME:
UNIT #
Do you need plexi glass?YESNO
TOTAL Payment Enclosed \$*  *Please no cash if possible*
By signing this form you agree to abide by the following safety precautions:
REMAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET AWAY FROM MAINTENANCE STAFF DURING INSTALLTION.
YOU MUST BE WEARING A MASK WHILE MAINTENANCE IS INSTALLING YOUR AIR CONDITIONER OR YOU MUST STAY IN THE BEDROOM/BATHROOM WITH DOOR CLOSED.
IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE BEEN TESTED OR HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID19 YOU MUST TELL MAINTENANCE PRIOR TO THEM ENTERING YOUR UNIT.
FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RESTRICTIONS COULD CAUSE DELAY IN YOUR AIR CONDITIONER INSTALLATION.
Signature:
Date: