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TO: All Residents

FR: Tracy M. Watson, Executive Director

RE: Covid Newsletter



Please 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!



Please remember to contact us immediately with any income or household changes!

Feel free to contact us with ANY questions or concerns you may have!

On behalf of the staff I wish you and yours a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!



MASK DISTRIBUTION

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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.

