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TO: All Residents
FR: Tracy M. Watson, Executive Director
RE: COVID19 Weekly Newsletter



As the Commonwealth of MA continues to battle back against the spread of Covid19 and at the guidance of DHCD the **NHA Management Offices will remain CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC until further notice**. However please remember that your administrative staff is still here to serve you and processes are proceeding albeit electronically, over the phone and via drop offs. We will not resume face to face meetings with residents until further guidance is received. Maintenance will continue to also serve our residents in emergency situations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year however they are still unable to complete "normal" work orders in residents units. Please understand that we will cautiously re-open under guidelines set forth by the Department of Housing and Community Development as well as the Department of Public Health. I will continue to update residents as we navigate through these unprecedented times.



I have received numerous inquiries regarding new move ins to vacant units. While we fully understand the concern residents may have it is important to remember that our main mission is to house people. Under the guidance of DHCD we have begun and will continue to house people as units become available. These move ins are being done under strict oversight of staff and residents WILL be informed of date and time of move ins. All common areas will be sanitized immediately following the completion of any move in as well. Memos to all residents will come as new move ins happen. If you find that you have any questions or additional concerns on this issue please feel free to contact me directly either by phone or email tmwatson@nhahousing.com.



ABSENTEE BALLOTS



Many residents have been requesting Absentee Ballots via the Senior Center.

We thought this would be an easier way for residents to request these ballots!

Please see attached! Forms as well as directions!



Eligibility

This application may be completed by...

- A registered voter; or
- A voter's family member (spouse, roommate, parent, sibling, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, in-law).

Use this application to request an absentee ballot for...

A registered voter who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to absence from the voter's city or town during polling hours, disability, or religious beliefs.

OR

A non-registered voter who is:

- A Massachusetts citizen absent from the state;
- An active member of the armed forces or merchant marines, their spouse or dependent; or
- A person confined to a correctional facility or jail for reasons other than felony conviction.

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide the voter's name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed and indicate for which election(s) you are requesting a ballot. For primaries, if the voter is not enrolled in a party, provide the desired party ballot. Applications for "all elections this year" are valid for one calendar year.
3. Special Circumstances – Check any of the listed circumstances which apply to this application, if any.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at the voter's city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as the requester's signature is visible.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

FOR REGISTRAR USE ONLY

We certify that the voter for whom this application is being made appears to be eligible to vote from the address listed on the application.

Massachusetts Official Absentee Ballot Application

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Voter Information

1

Name: _____

Legal Voting Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information

(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)

2

Mail Ballot to: _____

Ballot Requested For:

All elections this year

All general elections (No primaries)

A specific election: _____

Date of Election

Party (only if requesting primary ballot):

State Primaries: _____

Presidential Primary: _____

Special Circumstances *(If applicable)*

3

This application is being made by a family member of the voter.
Relationship to voter: _____

Voter is a member of military on active duty or dependent family member of active duty personnel.

Voter is a Massachusetts citizen residing overseas.

Voter has been admitted to a healthcare facility after noon on the fifth day before the election and has designated the following person to hand-deliver the ballot: _____

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: _____

Assisting person's address: _____

Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____