



HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

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HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY COVID-19 RESPONSE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD IN PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE

HONOLULU — In response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) has sprung into action to help prevent and mitigate the life-threatening impacts to the most vulnerable populations that we serve.

In addition to the many initiatives that were already launched, the HPHA's hard working public servants will be packing for distribution thousands of staff made cloth and commercial medical face coverings to all HPHA public housing participants statewide, many of whom are elderly, disabled and children.

In addition to providing face coverings, the HPHA will be providing cleaning supplies to its residents, continue to provide thousands of meals, waived all minimum rents due to COVID-19 related income loss, is working to launch free WiFi for all public housing residents and will look to expedite the processing of an additional 200 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

To better inform you and our community about what the HPHA is doing to assist our Public Housing residents, Section 8 program participants, applicants and HPHA staff, the Agency has created the following website: <https://www.hphaishereforyou.org/>

"None of these activities could be carried out without the dedication and support of the HPHA staff, including property managers, office and maintenance staff and many others who keep showing up to work and make a difference in people's lives", said HPHA Executive Director Hakim Ouansafi. "The HPHA continues to step up its efforts to keep our at-risk seniors and families as safe as possible during these trying times."

About HPHA

The HPHA is the sole Statewide public housing agency in the State of Hawai'i, providing a variety of affordable housing to low-income families. The agency

administers approximately 6,200 federal and state low-income public housing units on five islands, and over 2,400 rental assistance vouchers and 3,000 PBCA units.

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