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MEMORANDUM

To:

Residents, Clients, Government Agencies, and Business Partners

From:

Marcus D. Goodson, Executive Director

Date:

June 27, 2020

Subject:

COVID-19 Update

At Lee County Housing Authority (LCHA) the health and well-being of our staff, residents and business partners is our top priority. To that end, we continue to make business related decisions in real time based on the health and safety of all involved. We work closely with federal, state and local health officials, while heeding their recommendations for maintaining a healthy work environment.

Our real time monitoring of positive coronavirus cases in Florida, and more specifically, Lee County revealed a stark reality when health officials announced nearly 9,000 new daily coronavirus cases on Friday, June 26, 2020 breaking its previous record and sparking new concerns about a surge across the South. The case total in Florida now stands at 130,092 with more than 3390 deaths.

While we recognize we provide a valuable service to families in Lee County, especially to the elderly who are most vulnerable during a pandemic, we must make decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our staff and those we come in contact with as we manage this agency. Using the most recent coronavirus data for Florida and Lee County guiding our decisions, and out of an abundance of caution, beginning on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, and until otherwise posted, the LCHA will discontinue office hours open to the general public. LCHA staff will telework from home but will maintain normal office hours where they are accessible via email and will return telephone messages daily.

The maintenance of our public housing units remains a high priority, but we ask that non-emergency work orders not be called in to the message line at this time to avoid maintenance staff having to enter apartments, increasing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to both the resident and maintenance staff. All emergency work orders will be handled with the quickness you have become accustomed to. That commitment has never been more important to us than it is today.

In closing, if you have traveled to a high-risk area, or show symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please seek medical attention.



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