March 20, 2020

RE: COVID-19 UPDATES

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is spreading globally and there have been growing instances of COVID-19 spreading in communities in British Columbia and across Canada. AHMA recognizes the importance in working together to reduce the spread of the virus and taking steps to protect the communities we serve. The efforts we are taking now as far teleworking and social distancing are to help flatten the curve and provide our health care system more time to adequately handle the situation.

• Staff Teleworking

As a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and support the safety of our members and employees, AHMA is temporarily ceasing some in-person services and staff will begin to telework full time effective, Monday, March 16, 2020 at 1:00pm until March 30, 2020. After this two week period the preventative measures regarding COVID-19 will be re-assessed to align with that of the BC Ministry of Health and our partners at BC Housing and BCNPHA.

• Ceasing in person meetings

AHMA’s staff will be rescheduling and refraining from any in person meetings. Staff will remain available and accessible via email and phone as our office phone systems are connected to staff cell phones. If you have any engagements/in person appointments scheduled with AHMA, the appropriate AHMA staff will be in touch to reschedule accordingly. We appreciate your patience at this time as we work to ensure the safety of our staff, members and the communities we serve.

Housing and Service Providers COVID-19 Resources & Links

It is important that our Housing and Service providers have access to accurate, up-to-date information in preparing themselves, and their communities. BC Housing has an excellent resource page that we encourage all AHMA members and staff to visit.

• BC Housing Resource Page
• BCNPHA Resource Page
• COVID-19 Bulletin for Housing Providers - Eviction and Rent Adjustment Notification
• Housing Provider Template for Rent Adjustment [Poster]
• Housing & Service Provider Webinar – In partnership with BCNPHA
HOUSING & SERVICE PROVIDERS SURVEY

To advocate effectively for supports and resources, and to be responsive to the needs of the non-profit housing sector, BCNPHA would like to find out more about the issues your organization is grappling with around COVID-19. Please complete this survey by **March 26 at 11:59 pm**.

CLICK TO FILL OUT SURVEY

AHMA will continue to share information and updates with service and housing providers through the AHMA website. Stay safe and please follow all government guidelines. The faster we can all comply, the faster we can heal and move forward together.