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Executive Director Tyrone Garrett Adjusts the District of Columbia Housing Authority's Operating Status

The state of emergency and public health emergency related to the District of Columbia's coronavirus (COVID-19) response is modifying the operating status for the District of Columbia's Housing Authority (DCHA). Starting Monday, March 16, 2020 through Tuesday, March 31, 2020, DCHA will operate under an agency-specific partial telework schedule, with the intent to continue to deliver essential services and to keep critical systems and services operating. Some DCHA operations will be performed fully remotely, while other services will continue to be performed at our public housing communities, but under modified operations.

DCHA Headquarters will remain open but with a modified schedule to minimize exposure to public and employees. Our Property Management Operations Team will continue to address emergency work orders, perform cleaning of all common areas throughout our properties and address all necessary site maintenance.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) Department has paused annual and bi-annual inspections during this time. Emergency and Special inspections will continue to be conducted by the essential employees of HCVP.

Our Office of Public Safety will continue their coordinated patrol efforts at our properties in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police Department.

On Monday, March 16 at 9am, there will be an emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners to take up a resolution that will permit the board to conduct business via phone, video, and web conference during emergency situations so that operations are not interrupted or impacted.

All initiations or effectuations of eviction proceedings are suspended until further notice.

For more information on the District's COVID-19 response, visit coronavirus.dc.gov.