



MEMORANDUM NO. 20-03-02

TO: Multifamily Owners and Management Agents

FROM: Tasha Jones, Rental Housing Management Director

SUBJECT: SDHDA's Inspection & Monitoring Policy in Response to COVID-19

DATE: March 17, 2020

In response to concerns related to COVID-19, the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) has suspended on-site inspections and monitoring reviews until further notice as we seek to minimize spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of residents, partners, and SDHDA staff. We are testing the ability to conduct remote file reviews; as we continue to work through the pandemic, we may reach out with instructions for the safe uploading of file review documents.

Following Governor Kristi Noem's executive order, SDHDA employees will be conducting office operations remotely. Staff will be available during normal business hours (8a-5p CT) via email and phone, as office phones will be forwarded.

HUD has published a guide, <https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus>, for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Project-Based Voucher Program and Native American Programs and the Office of Multifamily Housing. The general information is helpful to any affordable housing project, even if your program is not specifically related to those listed in the guide. We encourage you to work with your residents to communicate processes of ensuring health and safety and any policies you are implementing during this time.

SDHDA continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in South Dakota. In our efforts to keep our partners informed on this issue, we will post updates on our webpage (www.sdhda.org).

If you have any questions, please email me at tasha@sdhda.org.

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