



Fact Sheet

Housing and COVID-19

Multi-family units, apartments, and other housing communities play a key role in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Detroit. This guidance is designed to provide you with simple ways to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Recommended strategies for housing managers to prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Develop or update your building's Incident Response Plan to include a possible COVID-19 exposure and how this may affect your day-to-day operations, including employee leave, cleaning protocols, and supply chain delays.
- Monitor and communicate with government entities, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of Michigan (SOM), and the City of Detroit (COD) to ensure you remain current on the latest available information and guidance. Important websites to can be found here:
 - CDC:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
 - SOM:** <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>
 - City of Detroit:** <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department/programs-and-services/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19>
- Ensure effective and safe communications channels for residents, employees, and suppliers, including maintaining and sharing current contact lists and posting COVID-19 health guidance like hand hygiene and social distancing (preventing close physical contact with the public) in common spaces.
 - CDC posters and handouts can be found here:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>
- Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in multi-family communities by frequently sanitizing surfaces and objects that are touched, such as door handles, elevator buttons, counter tops, and intercom panels.
 - CDC guidance on cleaning and disinfecting can be found here:** https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fhome%2Fcleaning-disinfection.html#routine-cleaning
- Observe executive orders to close fitness centers / gyms to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - Executive Order signed on May 16, 2020 can be found here:** <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499-521763--,00.html>
 - Updates on executive orders from the State of Michigan can be found here:** <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499---,00.html>
- Consider policies to allow for late/flexible rent payments due to the

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potential loss of income as a result of COVID-19.

Updates on the 36th District court moratorium on evictions

can be found here: <https://www.36thdistrictcourt.org/about-us/announcements/2020/03/13/36th-district-court-announces-covid-19-contingency-plan>

- Be aware that some residents may be more impacted by the virus, including high risk groups like older adults and people with chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.

CDC guidance for high-risk populations can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>

Guidance on self-quarantined residents, who may be on home-isolation for testing positive for COVID-19 or having COVID-19 symptoms; exposure to someone with a positive COVID-19 test; recent travel to an area highly affected by COVID-19; or representing in a high-risk category (i.e., older adults, people with compromised immune systems, or people with other chronic medical conditions):

- Suspend access to the resident's apartment for routine maintenance, repairs and inspections to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The apartment should only be entered for emergency repairs, and close contact with the resident should be avoided.
- If packages are delivered, advise that they be left outside the apartment door to avoid close contact with the self-quarantining resident.
- A period of self-quarantine may be stressful for a resident. Be empathetic and supportive during this challenging time, keeping in mind restrictions on your ability to be in close physical contact with the resident.
- Information about the health and status of the self-quarantining resident should not be shared with other residents or employees.

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.