

OFFICE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING



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Earlier this week, HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson was added to the White House Coronavirus Task Force. All federal agencies are working aggressively on a multi-layered, cross-agency public health response to this evolving situation.

While the risk of infections for Americans remains low, we are encouraging Multifamily owners and agents, and Public Housing Authorities, to make the information below available to residents. We further encourage Multifamily owners, agents, Performance Based Contract Administrators, FHA lenders, and all stakeholders to make this same information available to their employees:

- [What you need to know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Stakeholders are reminded to ensure that their responses remain faithful to obligations under the Constitution, Fair Housing Act and related regulations. Exigencies associated with important and timely response to issues surrounding COVID-19 are not the basis for unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familial status.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Lamar Seats", is written over a faint, larger signature.

C. Lamar Seats
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