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HOUSENOTES FOR SECTION 8 PROPERTY OWNERS



REMOTE HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS INSPECTIONS TO BEGIN IN APRIL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections were postponed as of March 2020. The LACDA is happy to announce that HQS inspections will resume in April using the agency's Remote Video Inspection (RVI) process.

RVIs are the newly implemented alternative to in-person inspections. The RVI is an approved method to conduct a HQS inspection using a reliable smart phone or tablet with a functional camera, a strong internet connection, and an online meeting application installed. **All HCV Program HQS inspections will be scheduled as an RVI.** If you do not have the technological capability, you can request an in-person inspection by contacting the Inspections Unit.

Should you wish to review the LACDA's RVI process, you may visit <u>www.lacda.org</u>. For more information, please contact:

Palmdale Inspections Unit (661) 575-1518

PRO

OWNER

Alhambra Inspections Unit (626) 586-1575



OPEN DOORS

Open Doors benefits property owners financially and provides enhanced customer services to increase the number of rental units available to subsidized families in Los Angeles County's highly competitive rental housing market.

Property owner assurances include:

- SIGN ON BONUS
- VACANCY LOSS PAYMENTS
- DAMAGE MITIGATION
- PEACE OF MIND

Questions? (626) 586-1984

YOU ARE THE KEY!

TO HOUSING STABILITY

COVID-19 TODAY

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our daily lives. Many of us are facing challenges that are stressful and overwhelming. Social distancing is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, but it can cause feelings of isolation and loneliness which can increase stress and anxiety. Learning how to deal with stress in a healthy way is the key to making you, and those around you more resilient.

Steps to deal with stress:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories.
- Take care of your body by exercising regularly and eating healthy.
- Connect with family, friends, or your community while adhering to social distancing.
- Make time to unwind.

If you find that you need additional guidance on dealing with stress, contact the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Access Center 24/7 Helpline at (800) 854-7771.





OWNER WORKSHOP

Owner workshops are designed to explain how the Section 8 Program works and provide opportunity to learn about new policies. It is highly recommended for newly participating owners. Additionally, the LACDA encourages you to invite a fellow landlord that is interested in learning about the Section 8 Program.

April Lunch & Learn

The Housing Rights Center will discuss the following topics:

- Fair Housing Laws
- Illegal Housing Practices
- Tenant & Landlord Rights and Responsibilities

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

To register online, please go to http://bit.ly/FairHousingLA

Phone: Tomasa Richmond at (626) 586-1654 Email: HCVWorkshops@lacda.org

Please Note: The Rent Stabilization and helpful tips training material from March's Lunch & Learn is now available in the <u>Owner and Tenant Portals</u>.