



RESUMING IN-PERSON HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS INSPECTIONS

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will resume in-person Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections this month. An adult, 18 years of age or older (with I.D.) must be present at the time of inspection. For the health and safety of each family, property owner, and HQS Inspector, the LACDA requires that a mask be worn by all parties during the entire inspection. The HQS Inspector will be equipped with personal protective equipment. As a reminder, an inspection will not be conducted if dogs are not on a leash or in a secured area.

If an in-person HQS inspection is scheduled for your unit and you are not comfortable or cannot accommodate the mask requirements, you may request a remote video inspection by contacting the Inspection Department at the following offices:

- Alhambra office at Inspections.Reschedule@lacda.org; or
- Antelope Valley office at AVInspections.Reschedule@lacda.org.

To ensure that we can accommodate your rescheduled appointment, we kindly ask that you notify us 72 hours prior to the scheduled date.

PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO BIAS AND HATE INCIDENTS AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

Unlike many other types of crimes, hate crimes have a broader impact on the immediate victim as well as others like them. They can not only destroy lives and devastate families; they also traumatize the communities in which they occur.

The U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS) responds to community conflicts arising from differences of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or disability. CRS works with communities in conflict to help rebuild relationships, facilitate mutual understanding, and encourage the development of local solutions. CRS's facilitated dialogue, consultation, training, and mediation are free and confidential.

If you believe you are the victim of a hate crime, 1) report the incident to your local police, and 2) follow up the report with a tip to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by calling (800) CALL-FBI. You may remain anonymous.

REMINDER OF THE 2021 ADVANCED CHILD TAX PAYMENTS

Eligible families can receive advance payments of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6, and up to \$250 per month for each child aged 6 and above. You can benefit from the credit even if you don't have earned income or don't owe any income tax. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Filed your 2020 taxes already? You don't need to take any action.

Haven't filed your 2020 taxes yet? File your tax return as soon as possible. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, visit the special IRS Non-filer Sign-up tool for more details. You may qualify for the Child Tax Credit and Economic Impact Payments.



CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

The [CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program](#) provides financial assistance for rent and utilities to income-eligible California renters and their landlords who have been impacted by COVID-19. For assistance in other languages, completing the application, or determining eligibility, you can schedule an appointment with an organization near you by calling 833-687-0967.

Depending on the address of your rental property, you may be eligible for other local programs. For additional information, call the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center at 833-430-2122, or visit <https://housing.ca.gov/>.

HAVE YOU CREATED A TENANT PORTAL ACCOUNT?

The Tenant Portal helps you remain up-to-date on rental assistance matters. The Portal, accessible via the LACDA website, allows you to perform many useful tasks, including receiving LACDA correspondence. You will be notified via email anytime a new letter is available. The Portal is secure and available 24/7.

If you are not already using the Tenant Portal, or have not used it in a while, please visit: <https://www.lacda.org/section-8/tenants> to access or create an account.

Coming Soon! The LACDA is going paperless! The LACDA will be launching a new and improved Tenant Portal that will move towards having families complete their annual reexamination online. More information to follow.



LOW-INCOME FARE IS EASY

[The Low-Income Fare is Easy](#) (LIFE) Program provides transportation assistance to low-income individuals in Los Angeles County by providing fare subsidies that may be applied toward the purchase of passes on Metro or any LIFE participating transit agencies OR a free 20-regional ride option. In addition, if you are a Reduced-Fare TAP cardholder, you may also be eligible for additional savings with LIFE.

For questions or more information, contact the LIFE team at lifeinfo@metro.net, or (213) 922-2378.

TENANT WORKSHOP

Tenant workshops are designed to provide an opportunity to learn about new policies and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program updates.

September Lunch & Learn

- The Emergency Voucher Program and its Incentives

**Thursday, September 16, 2021
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at <https://bit.ly/3yYm3fD>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

Questions?

Phone: (626) 586-1654

Email: HCVWorkshops@lacda.org