

Memo

To: All Residents
From: Frank Mooney, President, Wesley Property Management
cc: Shelley Murphy, President/CEO, Wesley Housing; Darryl Leedom, Director of Resident Services; Lisa Davis, Regional Property Manager, Mary Owens, Regional Property Manager, Elayne Williams, Assistant Regional Property Manager, All Site Managers
Date: May 13, 2020
Re: COVID-19 – Update #4

We know that this continues to be a time of great uncertainty and anxiety for our residents. We also know that many of you are suffering from job losses, furloughs and reduced hours. Fortunately, there is help available.

We're Here to Work with You: We understand that you may be having difficulty in paying rent, getting enough food, or accessing health care. If that's the case, please talk to us. We can help to link you to the services you need, and we are working to assist households with access to food resources. We are also offering a number of rent flexibility options – payment plans, waived late fees and other options.

If you need assistance, please complete and submit the COVID-19 Request for Assistance Form and a member of Wesley's Resident Services team will contact you. The form is available in laundry rooms and other central locations on the properties. The form is also available online at: <https://wesleypropertymanagement.com/covid-19-coronavirus-updates-and-resources/>

Financial Assistance: There is also financial assistance available in your local community. Additional information about these resources and how to access them are outlined in the attached.

Direct Payments: The federal government is making one-time cash payments directly to citizens. If you think you qualify for a payment and have not received it, please let us know. These payments should be issued during the month of April and May either by check or direct deposit.

- **Individuals earning less than \$75,000 will receive \$1,200.**
- **Married couples earning less than \$150,000 will receive \$2,400.**
- If you have children, you will **receive \$500 per child**
- **Individuals earning more than \$75,000 and less than \$99,000 – and couples earning more than \$150,000 and less than \$198,000 – are eligible for a lesser amount.**

According to recently published guidelines, there are a number of criteria that must be met before funds are issued. Most recently reported is that checks or direct deposits will go out to those that have already filed their 2018 and 2019 tax returns. If you did not file a tax return for 2019, the government will use your 2018 return.

Enhanced Unemployment Benefits: If you have lost your job, you can apply for state unemployment benefits at:

- **District of Columbia:** <https://does.dc.gov/service/start-your-unemployment-compensation-process>
- **Virginia:** <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed/Claimant-Handbook/Claimant-Handbook/Applying-for-Benefits>
- **Maryland:** <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uibenefits.shtml>

Note: Your unemployment claim should be filed in the state where your employer is located. For example, if you live in Virginia but your job was in Maryland (and your employer is based there) then you need to file a claim with the Maryland Department of Labor. Please see the related attachments for additional instructions.

Congress is enhancing state unemployment to provide more income and to cover more people.

- **Adds \$600 per week** for four months on top of state unemployment.
- **Adds up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits** to those already enrolled but who are nearing the end of benefits.
- Expands the program to include a number of workers not normally eligible to receive unemployment benefits. This includes:
 - Freelancers
 - Independent contractors/gig workers
 - Self-employed
 - Those with limited work history
 - Employees who are still employed, but whose hours have been reduced

It is important to apply as soon as possible. To help expedite aid, the federal government is funding the first week of benefits to encourage states to waive traditional waiting periods, but it may still take a couple of weeks to be processed

We're all in this together and all deserve safe and clean housing. We are thankful for the hard work of our employees in keeping our community operational and all they continue to do to prepare for and mitigate the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, we rely on rental payments to pay those workers and to cover our mortgage, utilities, maintenance and more.

If rental payments stop flowing, community stability and safety will be disrupted, just when peace of mind is most needed. We remain heartened by the stories of neighbors helping one another. Communities working together to stay safe is what will get us through this crisis, and we are here for you.

District of Columbia Resource Guide for Financial Assistance

Rental Assistance

Housing Counseling Services

2410 17th Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC
P: (202)-667-7006

Leave a detailed voicemail with contact information, they will call you back, if a slot is available to assist.

The Salvation Army

1434 Harvard Street NW
Washington, DC
P: (202)-332-5000

Call on the 2nd (May 11th) and 4th (May 25th) Monday at 8:30am

Additional Salvation Army Location

The Solomon G. Brown Social Services Center
2300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20020
Office (202) 678-9771

Call every 2nd (May 15th) and 4th Friday (May 29th) to schedule appointments

Food Resources in DC

Residents that are homebound because of COVID-19 can request support from the District for food and other essential items. **Call 1-888-349-8323.**

Capital Area Food Bank: 1.9 miles

4900 Puerto Rico Ave. NW Washington, Dc-20017 P: (202) 644-9800

Bread for the City-Northwest Site: 2.0 miles

1525 7th Street NW Washington, DC 20001 P: (202) 265-2400

Health and Wellness Resources in DC

Community of Hope, Family Health and Birth Center: 2.8 miles

801 17th Street, NE Mondays: 8:30am-5:00pm, Tuesdays: 8:30am-8:00pm Wed-Fri: 8:30am-5:00pm, Saturdays: 9:00am-3:30pm P: (202) 398-5520

Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative, Ward 3: 3.0 miles

4420 Georgia Ave NW (Monday-Friday; 9am-5:30pm) Phone Number: (202) 722-1815