



KNOX COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Knox County Housing Authority is a dynamic force in our community, providing high-quality affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families, while promoting self-sufficiency, empowerment, and a sense of community development. The KCHA is responsible for housing over 750 families in public housing units (located throughout five (5) developments), via the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) which includes Brentwood Manor and Prairieland Townhouse Apartments.

The Knox County Housing Authority has been deemed an "essential service" under State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-10. Section 5,(d.) of the order specifically states "For the purposes of this Executive Order, individuals may leave their residence to perform any of the following essential activities: To perform work providing essential products and services at Essential Businesses or Operations (which, as defined below, includes Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Infrastructure) or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Executive Order." Pursuant to Section 8.of the order, Human Service Operations deemed essential include "residential settings and shelters for adults, seniors, children, and/or people with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness; transitional facilities; home-based settings to provide services to individuals with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities, seniors, adults, and children; field offices that provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs including food, cash assistance, medical coverage, child care, vocational services, rehabilitation services; developmental centers; adoption agencies; businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities, or otherwise needy individuals."

Please be informed the bearer of this letter is an employee of the Knox County Housing Authority, and is considered essential to the services and facilities our agency provides throughout Knox County, Illinois. Our employees have been advised of, and will conduct all business in compliance with, all local, state, and federal guidelines and recommendations pertaining to COVID-19. Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding this letter, its bearer, or agency operations, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Derek Antoine at 309.342.8129 ext. 1223.

Respectfully,



Derek B. Antoine
Executive Director
Knox County Housing Authority