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KNOX COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PROTOCOL

GALESBURG, IL 03/16/2020 – In accordance with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the State of Illinois, the Knox County Housing Authority is initiating an emergency operational protocol to help control and stop the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Effective 03/17/2020 through 05/12/2020, the following operational safeguards will apply:

- **All offices and community spaces will be closed to the public**
 - Administrative and site offices
 - Community rooms – all scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed
 - Public restrooms
- **Agency staff will be available though mail, email, and telephone**
 - Central Office, 216 W. Simmons St. Galesburg, IL 61401: 309.342.8129
 - Moon Towers, 255 W. Tompkins St. Galesburg, IL 61401: 309.342.8129 ext. 1220
 - Family Housing
 - 480 Iowa Ave. Galesburg, IL 61401: 309.342.6137
 - 1598 McKnight St. Galesburg, IL 61401: 309.342.3484
 - Bluebell Tower 300 N. Jefferson St. Abingdon, IL 61410 : 309.462.5220
 - Brentwood Manor/Prairieland Townhouses
 - 301 Huston St. Galesburg, IL 61401: 309.343.0460

Additionally, the Knox County Housing Authority has partnered with the United Way of Knox County to provide grab-n-go sack lunches for children of Knox County negatively impacted by school and other closings. This distribution is open to all and currently runs from 03/16/2020 through 03/30/2020, unless modified or extended. Distribution information is as follows:

- Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Woodland Bend Community Center: 480 Iowa Ave. Galesburg, IL 61401
 - Cedar Creek Place Community Center: 1598 McKnight St. Galesburg, IL 61401
 - Whispering Hollow Maintenance Shop: 1092 W. South St. Galesburg, IL 61401

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.

For further information, please contact KCHA Executive Director Derek Antoine.