As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to impact our community, AMHA is taking extra precautionary measures to ensure the well-being of our residents and staff. For this reason, many of our restrictions and precautions will remain in place until further notice. One exception to this is our new policy on facial coverings and masks.

AMHA's Policy on Facial Coverings or Masks

AMHA's status has been updated to reflect our response to Governor Dewine's Responsible Protocols for Getting Back to Work Announcement made on April 28th, 2020. Despite this, many of our restrictions and precautions will remain in place until further notice. One exception to this is our new policy on facial coverings and masks.

When interacting, both AMHA staff and residents are now highly encouraged to wear a face covering. When meeting with AMHA staff face to face, we will be asking you to cover your face. Disposable masks will be provided, if you do not have one.

While we are unable to mandate that visitors wear facial coverings or masks, we highly encourage them to do so when on AMHA property. Please note, wearing a facial covering is not a substitute for social distancing.

For more information about this and other AMHA COVID-19 protocols, please visit the AMHA website at www.akronhousing.org/pages/coronavirus or call the AMHA COVID-19 Resident Hotline at 330-376-9908.

AMHA Staff Remote Work Notice

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to impact our community, AMHA is taking extra precautionary measures to ensure the well-being of our residents and staff. For this reason, many AMHA staff members have transitioned to working remotely from home. If you are a participant in any one of our service programs, please contact your service coordinator. See a list of service coordinators in our FAQ section. For other programs, please call resident services at 330-376-9699 to find out how to get in contact with your coordinator.

Residents are also encouraged to call AMHA's Resident Hotline at 330-376-9908. For the latest information, visit AMHA's website at akronhousing.org/pages/coronavirus or follow AMHA's Facebook Page.

Do you have a Quick Question About your Finances? Ask a Financial Coach!

Schedule a 15-minute phone call with a financial coach to answer questions related to COVID-19 stimulus payments, taxes, student loans, filing for unemployment, or other financial issues. Your coach will assist you however they can and follow up with additional resources if needed. To schedule, call 2-1-1 or click here.
Fill out our Resident Survey for a Chance to Win a Free Laptop & Hotspot

You are being asked to complete a survey for AMHA. This survey is anonymous but we do have a few questions we would like to ask you about yourself and your household members.

Complete the full survey for a chance to win a free laptop and hotspot!

Visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3J2XH3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3J2XH3) to enter.

SPARK Virtual Visits!

SPARK Parent Partners, like Alexis (shown above) are still conducting home visits with children to get ready for kindergarten. New participants are welcome and encouraged! For more information about registering your child, contact Tiffany at tpizzino@akronhousing.org.

Made By Kids Coloring Contest Allows Youth Engagement While Maintaining Distancing!

Made By Kids circulated 202 coloring kits that included Pinewood Gardens and local Twinsburg Township area youth. Volunteers dropped off packets to families’ doorsteps and collected their submissions at an outdoor drop off location. Winners were selected based on their use of colors and technique. Four of the five winners were youth at Pinewood Gardens.

Congratulations to Ava Austin age 7, Christian Fletcher age 11, Kennedy Kemp age 10, and Jaiden Gilford age 13. Thank you to Made By Kids for this safe way to involve our community youth. Be on the lookout for future contests, including “sketch your best” coming up next! [www.mbkmadebykids.org](http://www.mbkmadebykids.org).

COVID-19 Tech Resource Guide

ConnectHome Akron has launched an all-tech COVID-19 Resource Guide to assist Akron-area families find technology assistance during this time. The guide includes resources like internet deals, information on low-cost devices, free public WiFi, and MORE. To view the guide, visit [www.connecthomeakron.org](http://www.connecthomeakron.org).

Summit County $5 Devices

Summit County is sponsoring PCs for People computer distribution days. Students attending schools in qualified districts will pay $5 if qualified for CDBG assistance. You must pre-register to reserve your technology. Technology will be distributed every other Friday from 10am to 1pm at the Summit County Job at Family Service Parking lot located at the Pry Building 1180 S. Main Street Akron, Ohio 44301. You MUST pre-register by calling 330-643-8013 and will be given a specific time to arrive.

ConnectHome Akron COVID-19 Blog

Get tips and resources to help you navigate quarantine. Our first two topics have included Homeschooling Resources for parents, and How to Stay Connected. A new topic will be published each week and will relate to technology during COVID-19.

2020 Census Updates

In response to COVID-19 precautions, the US census has made adjustments to their collections and protocols. While some in-person collection efforts may have changed, you can still fill out your census at 2020census.gov at any time.