



# Community Update

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## Construction Underway at Elliot Twins

Construction teams are hard at work at the Elliot Twins. Starting in late June, workers started preparing the site for the 6,200 square-foot community link. The link will include a new commons area, exercise room, new laundry facilities, and more. Complete apartment remodels will also be kicking off as part of biggest public housing renovation in Minnesota history. At nearly 60 years old, the two towers in the Elliot Park neighborhood are among the oldest high-rise public housing buildings in Minneapolis. The \$25 million

Elliot Twins renovation will bring comfort, safety, energy-efficiency, 10 new disability-accessible units, and the community link for residents. All current residents can continue to live at the Elliots during and after construction, and will pay the same affordable, income-based rents.

## MPHA and Partners Launch Highrise Health Alliance

MPHA, Minneapolis Highrise Representative Council (MHRC), and partners from local government and the healthcare sector have launched the Highrise Health Alliance. Many MPHA highrise residents experience unmanaged health and mental health conditions, with much higher rates of emergency room visits and hospitalizations. The Highrise Health Alliance will bring together leaders from all sectors (health, mental health, social services, housing) to interpret data, identify priorities, and align services.



## MPHA Continues to Push for Mobile Testing

During the coronavirus pandemic, COVID-19 testing remains a top priority for many Minneapolis residents and is crucial for MPHA highrise residents. In recent weeks, MPHA has provided mobile testing at eight sites and tested more than 220 residents. MPHA continues to push hard for mobile COVID testing for all residents who want it. Residents have been able to receive on-site testing thanks to the [University of Minnesota Community Universal Health Care Center](#), [Neighborhood Healthsource](#), [Hennepin Healthcare](#), [Volunteers of America](#), and many other valued volunteers.



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