

Community Update January 2021



First MPHA Residents & Staff Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

Following the priority for seniors and at-risk individuals, the COVID-19 vaccine was made available to MPHA's assisted-living facilities, through our assisted-living partners. All residents and caregiving staff were offered the vaccine, along with 36 doses for MPHA's front-line workers who keep our buildings operating during and after-hours. MPHA has advocated at the state and local levels for public housing residents, as well as front-line MPHA employees and social worker partners, to be prioritized for the vaccine. We are readying a prioritization plan for the future rounds of vaccine we hope will be targeted to MPHA properties.

Community Services Directory Now Available on MPHA Website

MPHA has updated and upgraded the directory of community services on our food. website for shelter. health. transportation, and more! While the resources provided are far from exhaustive, MPHA hopes this will be a valuable resource for the families we serve and others in the community. Connect to local resources online at: MPHAOnline.org/resources.



In late December, <u>Hennepin County Library—Webber</u> <u>Park</u> donated Chromebooks for seven MPHA households! Thank you to the library staff for coordinating the donation and for providing resources to keep MPHA residents connected during this time.



Lease-signings, Move-ins Remain Top Priority

MPHA's operations have adapted in many ways to the pandemic. But **from the start, it has been essential to continue safely serving new families**. This single mother of two (above) is excited to sign her lease and move her daughters into a three-bedroom house—it happens to be our first new single-family lease-up after MPHA converted over 700 scattered site homes to project-based vouchers in October! This conversion brings more federal money for major repairs, supporting permanent affordability and providing a brighter future for these invaluable MPHA homes.