

Community Update

April 2021









1,400 Shots Given as COVD-19 Vaccine Comes to Every Highrise

Through March and April, MPHA and partners held COVID-19 vaccine clinics at every one of our 42 highrise buildings, with every resident given a chance to sign up. Nearly 1,400 residents received vaccines through this effort, with another 1,400 confirming they had received a vaccine elsewhere. This effort was made possible in partnership with Hennepin Healthcare nurses, the Minneapolis Health Department, Volunteers of America social workers, and multicultural health educators. MPHA advocated at the federal, state and local level to bring the vaccine to our residents, who disproportionately suffer the affects of COVID-19.



MPHA Installs Air Purification and Ionization Technology in **Highrises**

Earlier this year, **MPHA** started installing ionization devices throughout

multiple highrises. Installing these devices will filter the air particles for pollutants, dust, allergens, and mold, creating a healthier environment for all residents.

These newly installed devices use an electronic charge to create a plasma field filled with a high concentration of positive and negative ions. As these ions travel within the air stream and attach to particles, killing the particles and other pathogens for healthier air.

Additional to filtering the air, the ionization device will also break down chemical, pet, and other odors into harmless compounds and reduces the amount of outdoor air intake resulting in huge energy savings.

April Marks National Fair Housing Month

During the month of April, MPHA honors National Fair Housing Month, which celebrates the landmark Fair Housing Act, which has helped protect people from housing-related discrimination for the last 53 years.

The Fair Housing Act still serves as a powerful statement about the values of equality, equity, and dignity that we strive to uphold to all housing residents.

As part of this month long observance, we remember Walter Mondale, a chief Senate co-sponsor of the Fair Housing Act, who died on April 19. Thanks to his work, along with many others, our residents can enjoy a place to call home—free from discrimination.