



To: Residents of all the NCDF Managed Properties
From: Marissa Wheeler, Director of Resident Services
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020
Re: Resources available during the COVID-19 Pandemic

During this unprecedented and uncertain time, we recognize that many of our residents may be socially isolated because they are considered to be at high risk for contracting COVID-19 and that many others may be unable to work due to business and school closures. We would like to take this opportunity to share information that the NCDF Resident Services Department has been provided over the past several days.

The Newton Food Pantries will remain open as long as they are able. Deliveries will continue to be made to vulnerable members of the community as volunteers are available. The pantries provide mostly non-perishable food, but do receive meat and produce on occasion. *The pantries are also desperately in need of donations at this time.* There are three pantries located in the Newton. The contact information and hours for the pantries are as follows:

Newton Food Pantry: 1000 Washington Street - Wednesdays 1:30 - 5:30 PM/3rd Saturday of the month 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (617-796-1233)

Centre Street Food Pantry: 11 Homer Street - Tuesdays 2:30 - 6:00 PM (617-340-9554)

Arabic Baptist Food Pantry: 187 Church Street - 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 11-1 PM (617-723-9766)

Springwell continues their service of home delivered meals and in-home services to those who are already enrolled. Unfortunately, no new services will be implemented at this time but if you can call them directly with any specific questions at 617-926-4100.

Newton Senior Services is continuing their Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides older adults with a monthly food distribution. If you are in need of this service or have any other questions about what the City is doing to help older adults in our community, contact the Newton Senior Center at 617-796-1660.

Newton Public Schools are offering grab and go breakfast and lunch for any families in need. The bags can be picked up Monday-Friday between 10:00AM – 12:00PM at Newton North High School and Newton South High School. Bowen School is also offering backpacks filled with non-perishables to their families in need through the FUEL Program. If you are interested in program offering, please contact me at 617-467-6069 or mwheeler@ncdfinc.org for a referral.

In an attempt to ensure that our most vulnerable residents have access to enough food, we have also decided to set up a bin for donations on each floor at Casselman and Weeks House. If you have extra or have received an item that you do not need, please drop items in this box. If you are in need, you may take items. Please do not take more than you need and do not donate expired or perishable items.

Resident Services staff members have been contacting any residents that we know that may be in need during this crisis and we also encourage neighbors to check in on one another. As always, please do not hesitate to contact any of us in the Resident Services Department. My contact information was noted previously; Yessica Rodriguez can be reached at 617-467-3052 or yrodriguez@ncdfinc.org and India Arnold can be reached at 617-719-0505 or iarnold@ncdfinc.org.

We are thinking of you all during this difficult time. Stay safe and please do not hesitate to reach out.

