



COVID-19 Update

July 31, 2020

This week, our number of positive COVID-19 cases have only increased by one across all of our communities, even with significant testing. This is a very encouraging indicator that our infection control methods are effective. Please keep doing what you are doing! You know the drill: stay safer at home. If you do leave home for essential business, cover your mouth and nose and maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others. Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. And congratulations! Even with the continued increases of COVID-19 cases in the state of California, so far we are holding our ground.

Some people have wanted a further breakdown on the location and number of cases. We regularly post updates on our website at the link to COVID-19 Case Tracking by Community on <https://covia.org/covid-19-response-and-resources>.

We have been fortunate so far that our Affordable Communities have had only a handful of cases – and most have had zero. Karim Sultan, VP of Affordable Housing, meets weekly with the community Housing Administrators to review procedures and to ensure the teams have the equipment they need. Covia Affordable Communities has also established practices that are stricter than required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, such as requiring daily staff screenings, to prevent community spread.

We have also been providing support for those living in shared housing situations through our Home Match program. In addition to creating a home-sharing specific questionnaire to guide positive conversations around maintaining health and safety in a shared home, and for proactively planning for the event that a homemate becomes ill, the Home Match team also sent Happiness Packages to clients. Read more about how Home Match is supporting people on our blog at <https://covia.org/blog/home-match-creates-affordable-housing-solutions-while-sheltering-in-place/>.

As we head into August, let's focus on keeping up those great practices we've put into place and finding ways to support one another. Thank you as always.

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach Covia's COVID-19 Task Force at C19info@covia.org.