Dear Residents.

We hope you all are staying healthy and adjusting to this new and challenging reality. We appreciate that this is a hard time for everyone right now and to that end, we wanted to share some information with you that may be helpful for those of you dealing with unexpected and rapid changes to your employment and income.

## Recent Update to Unemployment Benefits/ Where to Apply

Until recently only W2 employees were eligible for unemployment. Now, anyone who has declared income for 2018 and 2019 can claim benefits. *This includes 1099 (gig/contract) workers and self employed small business owners.* 

You can find more information about your eligibility and apply for compensation at this site: <a href="https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx">https://www.uc.pa.gov/Pages/covid19.aspx</a>

## **Coronavirus Stimulus Checks**

The IRS began depositing checks into some taxpayers' bank accounts last Friday. People who filed tax returns in 2018 or 2019 and received funds through direct deposit will get their payments first.

If you did not file taxes in 2018 or 2019, you may still be eligible to receive a stimulus check. Check this page to find out how.

The IRS is creating a web portal where users can check the status of their stimulus payments. It will launch this week. Check this page to view the stimulus tracker info and look for the "get my payment" button, when it launches.

## **COMPASS - State Benefit Program**

This is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs, including SNAP (food stamps), and TANF (cash assistance). You can check your eligibility and apply for assistance from this site:

https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome

## **Waiving Late Fees/Payment Plans**

We are waiving all late fees for the month of April.

If your employment has been affected by the Coronavirus and you are unable to pay your full rent on time, please contact us so that we can better understand your situation and discuss potential options with you.

If you need copies of your current lease, recent renewals, or documentation of any type to verify your address/monthly rent payment in order to apply for assistance of any kind, please let us know.

Thank you for being a valued tenant. Together, we will get through these tough times.

Sincerely,