



# COVID-19, Pandemic

## Welcome

LHDME wishes to extend their well wishes for all our tenants during this uncertain time. It's been a trying 4 months since all the changes that occurred in the world and within the Pueblo due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Laguna Housing presented our Back to Work Plan to Staff and Council back in June. The LHDME staff were tested for Covid-19 and we were able to bring all staff back the first 2 weeks in July. We are at full operation again however; we have made many adjustments to work in this "new normal". LHDME operates Monday through Friday from 8:00am—4:30pm. Our front doors remain locked and payments continue to be made through the drop box. We are not allowing any walk-in customers, face to face meetings are taken place by phone call or by video conference. Our maintenance department is in operation and responding to work orders. Emergency work orders for after hours or on weekends must call the Laguna police Department for the on-call person to be dispatched.

## New Construction

New construction is back on track after a 4 month delay due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. LHDME supported Governor Herrera's Executive Order and suspended all projects during that time. Once we were clear to return to work LHDME picked up where we left off. We have completed our Mesita site and are working on the Paguete site and Laguna Village site. The New Laguna site will begin and our goal is to complete construction of these homes by end of year. HUD has also been providing guidance to Housing authorities during the Pandemic and will continue to follow their guidelines and recommendations to provide safe and sanitary housing.

## Executive Order Reminders

The Amended Executive Order issued on June 24, 2020 allowed some changes to occur that allowed our People to live their lives in a Covid world. The Pueblo opened up a little more, the curfew was modified and some of the entities and businesses were allowed to resume business. This did not eliminate everything in the original order of April 8, 2020. We still need to exercise obedience and compliance to all those items and be cautious about where we go, who we let into our homes and how we conduct ourselves in this Covid world. There is still no vaccine and still no cure.



Wear your mask



Wash your hands

### LHDME Staff

#### Operations/Finance

- Nadine Encino, Chief of Operations
- Danielle Cheromiah, Executive Administrative Assistant
- Joseph Juanico, Accounting Tech I
- Winona Bautista, Human Resource Clerk
- Janice Faustine, Administrative Assistant/Receptionist
- George Brown, Procurement

#### Tenant Service Office

- Nadine Kowice, Senior Tenant Specialist
- Michelle Sarracino, Resident Service Specialist

#### Construction Management

- Dominic Torrez, Construction Manager
- Tracy Cheresposy, Construction Office Manager

#### Maintenance

- Elton Cheromiah, Maintenance Tech
- Jeffery Albert, Maintenance Tech
- Robert Qumyintewa, Maintenance Tech

#### Adobe Project (CEB)

- Matthew Kie, APLS
- Logan Brown, General Laborer
- Kyle Keryte, General Laborer
- Quentin Delores, General Laborer
- Santiago Weeker, General Laborer
- Julian Lorenzo, General Laborer

# Tenant Services



Tenant Services has brought back Michelle Sarracino, Tenant Services Specialist. Tenants will be directed to her for work orders and tenant inquiries.

TSO has started the recertification process and will conduct those by mail, by phone and by collecting the necessary paperwork and signatures. The home inspection process is still being developed and tenants will be informed when the next inspection will be. In the meantime, remain compliant with your occupancy agreement. Keep your home and yards clean, make your payments and stay in compliance.

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### *Communication from the Pueblo*

In case you are unaware, the Pueblo has a page on their website specific to Covid-19. Information on this page include Pueblo News and Updates, Community Resources, Flyers and Governor Herrera’s video addresses and the Executive Order and amended Executive Order. You can also sign up to get emergency text alerts. It is a place to get valuable information on Covid-19 and the pueblo’s preventative measures, response to Covid-19 cases on the Pueblo and education and awareness about Covid-19. To access this website type in “Pueblo of Laguna” and click on lagunapueblo-nsn.gov.

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### *Test site location*

A stationary site has been established at the Laguna Fitness Center. Pueblo members and employees of the Pueblo and its entities can be tested for Covid-19 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact the EOC at 505-328-5682 to schedule a test appointment. Pre-registration is recommended.

## 2020 Census Reminder

LHDME is encouraging all our tenants to participate and complete the 2020 Census. “The Census, mandated by the Constitution, counts all people living in the United States every 10 years. The resulting data is used by federal and state governments to determine political representation and allocate funds for education, social services and other programs. An undercount translates into less money, less political representation and access to fewer resources” ([www.theconversation.com](http://www.theconversation.com), March 11, 2020).

The last Census count was in 2010 and Native Americans were the most undercounted people in the United States. We as native peoples lost out on millions of dollars to fund our social service programs, our schools and other federally funded programs within our tribal communities.

You may have received materials in the mail, received a phone call or got an email or had a numerator knock on your door. LHDME can put you in contact with someone who can help you fill out your census. LHDME will be following up with our tenants to see if they need assistance submitting their Census data.

This year let’s make ourselves count!



### PDI Services:



- August 18, 2020—Rainbow & 103
  - August 21, 2020—LP1 & LP2
- Dates subject to change

## Covid-19 Safe Practices

You may be tired of hearing and seeing this on the news, in our mail and on the websites but we will continue to remind our tenants to practice safety protocol if you must go out to do essential business.

The best way to protect you and your loved ones is to:

- Stay Home
- Practice good hygiene (washing hands, sanitizing high touch areas, keeping your home and cars clean)
- WEAR A MASK whenever you go out in public
- Social Distance means stay at least 6 feet apart from another person if you are out in public
- NO Gatherings of more than 5 individuals. If your current household size is already at 5 or more you should not be having any visitors or gatherings at your home. We acknowledge this order has halted our gatherings both social and cultural but it’s for our health & safety. This is in effect until further notice. Tenants are being non-complianced if it is reported to LHDME.
- Traveling out of state. If it is unnecessary then you should stay home; but if you go out of state you must quarantine upon your return back to NM and back onto the Pueblo. We recommend reporting your travel plans to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) who will give you guidance on how to travel safely and what to do upon your return.