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## **HARC HQS STATE OF EMERGENCY INSPECTIONS POLICY**

In response to the state of emergency in Racine County, declared by Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave for the COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Housing Authority of Racine County is postponing all HQS Inspections where units are currently occupied. Inspections will still be conducted on vacant units only and only when a new move-in cannot be postponed.

The Housing Authority of Racine County takes the safety of its employees and clients very seriously. It is taking all the steps possible to reduce the risk of infection and to protect staff, clients, and the public.

HQS inspections will be rescheduled for a later date, as determined by Executive Management. Re-inspections that are currently on hold will need to be verified in writing by the Landlord and Tenant before the hold will be released.

Units that have current fails will not be reinspected. The Landlord and Tenant MUST confirm in writing that the repairs have been made. Abatements will be issued for existing failed units where the Landlord has not verified by some other means that the repairs have been completed.

All HAP payments will continue to be made on units that are due for inspections.

Landlords should contact the Landlord number at (262)989-0098 or email [CHowell@RCHA.org](mailto:CHowell@RCHA.org) or [RSantiago@RCHA.org](mailto:RSantiago@RCHA.org)

***HARC strongly encourages clients to avoid coming to the office unnecessarily. All household changes, recertification, and requests should be made through the Assistance Connect portal. Clients are also strongly encouraged to reach their Housing Specialist via email for any questions or concerns.***