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Date: March 30, 2020To: All NHA State Public Housing TenantsRe: 2020 Annual Recertifications

Due to the ongoing situation with the COVID-19 novel Coronavirus, DHCD has issued guidance to all housing authorities regarding annual recertifications. In order to protect tenants and staff, and shield tenants from economic loss associated with COVID-19, DHCD has *waived the requirement to do annual rent recertifications for all state public housing tenants for the remainder of 2020.* 

For all state public housing tenants who have already received annual recertification paperwork to complete, you are no longer required to submit these documents to our office. For those tenants who have already completed and submitted your documents for an upcoming recertification, our office will not be processing this paperwork. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused to those who have already completed their paperwork.

Please be advised that tenants are still permitted to request a rent adjustment due to a loss of income or due to an increase in medical expenses.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our office at (617) 552-5501 or reach out to Alex Weiffenbach (<u>aweiffenbach@newtonhousing.org</u>).