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THE SMOKE-FREE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT

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HUD FAQ on COVID-19: Can PHAs Suspend their Smoke-Free Policy to Facilitate Social Distancing?

HUD has issued a new [FAQ for PHAs on COVID-19](#). In the FAQ HUD addresses suspension of the smoke-free rule to facilitate social distancing. HUD states that smoke-free policies cannot be suspended and HUD is not considering a waiver for the smoke-free rule.

"OC18. Public housing residents that are choosing to self-isolate have asked if we can suspend our Smoke Free policy so they can stay in their unit. Can we do that?

A. Residents are required to smoke outdoors at least 25 feet from the building or within a designated smoking area outdoors (See 24 CFR 965.653). HUD is not currently considering flexibility to these regulations related to COVID-19 response."

[More COVID-19 Resources from HUD](#)

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