



Conducting Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections for the Town of Union Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program during the COVID-19 pandemic

Anyone could be a carrier of COVID-19 and not know it. We all play a role in protecting the community against COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, and in accordance with guidance from the CDC, The Town of Union Section 8 office is taking the following precautions in order to better protect our tenants, landlords, and employees:

- At least six (6) feet of distance between persons attending the inspection should be maintained at all times
- If practicable, tenants/landlords may elect to stand outside of the unit during the inspection
- The inspector will wear a combination of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including mask, gloves, and shoe covers
- The inspector will properly remove and dispose of all PPE between each inspection
- Anyone attending the inspection is asked to wear a mask; if you do not have a mask please contact our inspector at (607) 786-2986 prior to your scheduled inspection and one will be provided to you
- The inspector will use hand sanitizer and/or wash hands before and after each inspection
- The inspector will sanitize equipment and vehicle between inspections
- Please limit conversation during the inspection to only necessary topics of discussion
- The inspector will not shake hands, fist bump, or elbow bump
- The inspector will avoid touching his/her face
- If someone attending the inspection is feeling ill or exhibiting any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, coughing, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, please call the inspector at (607) 786-2986 to reschedule the inspection
- If the inspector is feeling ill or exhibits any of the above symptoms, the inspection will be rescheduled
- If anyone attending the inspection has been out of the United States in the past fourteen (14) days, please call the inspector at (607) 786-2986 to reschedule the inspection
- If the inspector arrives at a unit and someone in the unit is coughing or visibly sick, the inspection will be stopped and rescheduled

The inspector is available by phone after the inspection for follow up questions. By working together we can continue providing Housing Quality Standards inspections to ensure units on the Town of Union Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program are decent, safe, and sanitary while protecting our tenants, landlords, and employees.

If you have any concerns, please call the office at (607) 786-2985.