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Lucas Metropolitan Housing Staff Returning to Work on Site

Toledo, Ohio, June 16, 2021 – Staff members of Lucas Metropolitan Housing will be returning to their work sites on Monday, June 21. Protocols are being put in place to ensure that work sites are as safe as possible.

Safety measures include:

- The LMH HR Department will require all staff who have been vaccinated to provide documentation to HR at least one (1) week prior to the return-to-work date.
- Staff will continue to follow the CDC's safety guidelines for the prevention and spread of COVID.
- Staff who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask.
- Staff who have not been fully vaccinated are still required to wear a mask for the safety of staff and residents.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will continue to be provided to both staff and residents as needed.
- Regular deep-cleaning will continue; individual cleaning supplies will be provided.
- Workstations and/or staff will be relocated to increase social distancing.
- Customer and/or visitor contact protocols will be put in place as in-person visits and walk-ins will resume.
- For the safety of all residents and staff, visitors will be required to wear a mask and the number of visitors allowed in offices will be limited.

"As CEO, my onboarding was the week when the emergency was first announced nationwide. During the pandemic, LMH went above and beyond to keep our core operations intact. Furthermore, we continued to service our residents in the most efficient way with initiatives like *Operation Reach Out and Touch*. This initiative allows us to make

thousands of contacts to facilitate a connection to services for the individuals and families in our communities—especially the elderly and people with disabilities," said Joaquin Cintron Vega, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Having our staff return to their work sites is a very meaningful and affirmative step toward accomplishing our recovery phase as established in our action plan enacted in March, 2020. We continue serving with a sense of compassion," concluded Cintron Vega.

LMH will work closely with employees in high-risk categories for infection, to determine what additional measures are necessary to protect them when working on site.

"It is our goal to ensure the health and safety of all LMH staff, residents and visitors," stated Kattie Bond-Hancock, Senior Vice President of Operations and Community Development. "We continue to follow all CDC guidelines, provide PPE and work with our staff on an individual basis when needed."

Editor's Note: In the event of an outbreak of COVID cases in the local area, the resident community, and/or within the agency—to protect the health and well-being of staff and residents—LMH reserves the right to revert to alternative scheduling.

About Lucas Metropolitan Housing

Established in 1933, Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) continues to provide affordable housing to adults, seniors and children in its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Mixed-Income and Market Rate housing units. LMH also provides a myriad of programs and opportunities designed to improve the total quality of life for our residents, with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. The programs and services are the results of successful collaborations with numerous community partners.

Our current housing portfolio consists of 2,633 Public Housing units; 4,657 Housing Choice Vouchers; 322 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units; 198 Market Rate units and 107 Homeownership Properties. There are approximately 17,500 people who reside in LMH properties. Lucas Metropolitan Housing partners with ALL people and organizations willing to exchange ideas and efforts to enhance Toledo, Lucas County and the world.

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