

To CHA's Site-Based Waitlist Applicants:

On January 1, 2020, recreational marijuana became legal in Illinois and Chicago.

The Chicago Housing Authority, Mayor Lori L. Lightfoot and the City of Chicago are working together to ensure a safe, responsible, fair and equitable implementation of the law and how the new law relates to federal laws governing the use of marijuana in public housing.

CHA seeks to maintain a balanced and reasonable interpretation of the new marijuana law and address matters involving the use and possession of marijuana on a case-by-case basis with a thoughtful consideration of circumstances.

As you consider housing opportunities with the CHA through the Public Housing and/or Project Based Voucher (PBV) programs, please be advised that some properties require drug screening as part of the eligibility process and testing positive may prohibit you from being accepted to that location. CHA's mission is and continues to be housing stability and our goal for all future residents is lease compliance. Therefore, please thoroughly review the requirements for each property. You may keep your current waitlist selection(s) or update your waitlist choice as necessary.

Public Housing and/or Project Based Voucher (PBV) requirements for specific properties may be found at the bottom of the waitlist property profile page for each property. These can be found on the application portal.

For assistance or questions about the wait list portal, please call the wait list hotline at 312-913-7400.

### **Important Resources about the New Marijuana Law:**

The City of Chicago has created a Cannabis Information Center website that provides more details, information and resources for all Chicagoans about the new law. It can be accessed here: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/cannabis-information-center/home.html>

The City of Chicago in partnership with the Chicago Department of Public Health also has created Cannabis Facts Chicago, a website to provide precautionary guidance for the new law. You can access that information here:

[www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy\\_living/svcs/cannabis-facts-chicago](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_living/svcs/cannabis-facts-chicago)