

# News for the KCHA Community



## Resources and Information

This month's newsletter includes information about voting, flu and Covid vaccines, computers and internet access, preparing for power outages, security updates, public comment on KCHA's plans for 2025, a rent policy study, and reasonable accommodations.

Previous newsletters are available on our [website](#) under "Residents."

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for ongoing resources and information for all of our communities.



# Vote by November 5



You must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen to vote.

In Washington State, you receive your ballot in the mail, and can return your ballot by mail, at a drop box, or at a vote center.

Visit [King County Elections](#) to learn more.

[How to Return Your Ballot](#)

## Flu and Covid Vaccines

**Updated vaccines to protect you from the flu and COVID are now available.** Public Health of Seattle-King County is offering vaccine clinics for adults and children in locations around King County during the month of November.

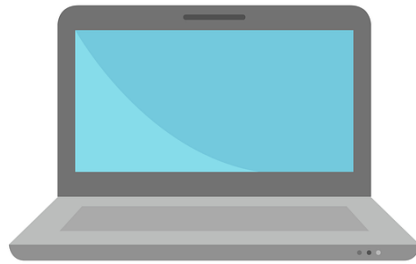
- [Information about vaccines for older adults](#)
- [Find a vaccine clinic](#)

If you have an acute or chronic illness, limited mobility, injury, developmental disability, or mental health condition that makes it difficult to leave the home, you can request an in-home COVID vaccination appointment from Public Health.

- [How to request in-home COVID vaccination](#)

[Find a Vaccine Clinic](#)

## Low-Cost Computers



**Interconnection**, a nonprofit based in Seattle, provides low-cost refurbished computers and laptops. Customers can order online and the device will be shipped to them. Prices vary, but customers can buy a basic laptop package for \$49. Stock is updated regularly, so check back if they are out of stock.

**PCs for People** is a national nonprofit offering low-cost refurbished computers and laptops. Customers can order online and the device will be shipped to them. Prices vary, but customers can buy a full desktop set for \$100.

## Internet Access

**Xfinity Internet Essentials** provides internet packages as low as \$9.95 per month and access to discounted computers. Households must apply online or at a Xfinity store to receive the discounted rate. Call the Internet Essentials Hotline at 1-844-963-0272 to learn more!

**T-Mobile Project 10 Million** provides a free hotspot with 100GB data each year, for five years, to families with school-age children. Families can learn more about eligibility criteria, and apply online, on the Project 10 Million website.

## Be Prepared



**Check your emergency supplies in case of power outages** that often come with wind and cold weather.

Click the button below for more information from Ready.gov

Be prepared by making sure your **flashlights** work, replacing batteries, and stocking up on **non-perishable food**. If you have a smartphone, make sure you keep it charged.

If the power goes out, remember you should never use barbecues, propane stoves, grills, or heaters inside because they produce carbon monoxide—a gas that has no smell but can be harmful or even fatal.

Ready.gov

## Security Updates



### Security Cameras

12 mobile security trailers have been deployed to provide extra lighting and security camera coverage when and where it is needed.

In addition, KCHA has installed new security cameras at Cascade Homes, Valli Kee, and Mardi Gras.

### License Plate Cameras

KCHA is collaborating with Flock Safety, a security technology company, to install state-of-the-art automated license plate reader camera systems at several locations.

The license plate readers will help solve and prevent crime by alerting law enforcement if stolen vehicles, wanted suspects, or vehicles

associated with missing persons are detected.

These systems capture license plates and vehicle characteristics, but do not capture images of people or faces. Data is encrypted, secure, and automatically deleted after 30 days.

KCHA plans to install these cameras at Riverton Terrace, Pacific Court, Birch Creek, Valli Kee, and Burndale Homes.

## **Birch Creek**

Kent Police Department has started off-duty police services at Birch Creek to enhance security at the site. Officers will be at Birch Creek on a limited basis working various hours conducting extra visibility patrols and providing support to our staff, residents, and guests.

# **Moving to Work (MTW) Plan**

KCHA's 2025 Moving to Work (MTW) Plan is available for **review and public comment until November 10th, 2024**. We welcome your participation and input!

MTW gives KCHA local flexibility through waivers from certain HUD regulations, an opportunity that was provided for KCHA when HUD named KCHA a "Moving to Work (MTW) agency" in 2003. This flexibility allows us to shape our federally funded programs to better respond to local conditions, streamline operations, and support residents and tenants in their goals of health, education, and economic independence.

**[Review the plan online here.](#)**

Email comments to [gracew@kcha.org](mailto:gracew@kcha.org).

Mail comments to: KCHA MTW Plan, Attn: Grace Wood, 600 Andover Park W., Tukwila WA 98188

Virtual hearing: KCHA will hold a virtual public hearing for public comments on Wednesday, October 23, at 6:00pm on Zoom.

# Rent Policy Study



KCHA is evaluating its rent policies.

**There are no changes right now, and you do not have to do anything differently.**

The policies may be updated in the future, and **we will tell you before any changes are made.**

KCHA's rent policies were developed 15 years ago. The rent policy for work-able households is called WIN rent. The rent policy for households with fixed incomes is called EASY rent.

KCHA is evaluating these rent policies now to learn more about their impact, understandability, efficiency, and costs.

We are gathering feedback from a group of randomly selected public housing residents and HCV participants. This group will receive an invitation to participate in an interview, and will be paid for their time.

# AgeWise King County



Visit [AgeWiseKingCounty.org](https://www.AgeWiseKingCounty.org) to see the AgeWise monthly **newsletter dedicated to seniors**, older adults, and elders.

The newsletter has ideas for staying healthy, local events, and much more.

Age Wise Newsletter

# Reasonable Accommodations



KCHA provides reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities to address disability-related housing needs.

You can request reasonable accommodations using the [forms on our website](#).

Or you can email [ras@kcha.org](mailto:ras@kcha.org), or make a request in any way that works for you.



## King County Housing Authority

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