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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**THA NOTIFIES TENANTS AND LANDLORDS THAT ROUTINE BUSINESS OPERATIONS ARE IN ABEYANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

*Executive and Designated Essential Staff Remain Available in Event of Emergency*

Tampa, FL (March 27, 2020) At the center of The Tampa Housing Authority's (THA) purpose is its commitment to help families and communities. In the face of COVID19, THA has long recognized that it must strike a reasonable balance between protecting everyone's health and providing the essential services that tenants and other clients need every day.

Now, in compliance with the "Safer at Home" Order enacted by the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group on March 27, 2020, THA will implement Stage 3 of its Business Continuity Plan. To that end, it is implementing services in the following manner:

**All Offices are closed indefinitely to Staff effective Friday, March 27, 2020.** (Previously, the offices had been closed to the public). These closures extend to all staff and all facilities under THA management.

**Executives and Staff designated as essential will be telecommuting and available in an emergency.** This will ensure rapid response in the event of an emergency and ensure 24-hour availability as needed. Those contact numbers and emails may be accessed at [www.thafl.com](http://www.thafl.com).

Additional online service and information will remain available, as well.

For updates on Section 8, vendors, owners and applicants should log on at: <https://portal.thafl.com/default.aspx>.

For families paying rent and/or seeking recertification, log on at: <http://tampahousing.thafl.com/>.

Residents may obtain a registration code by emailing [rentcafe@thafl.com](mailto:rentcafe@thafl.com).

THA'S PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 WAITING LISTS ARE BOTH CLOSED AT THIS TIME. THA IS, HOWEVER, CONTINUING TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS.

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