

## **March 2020 E-Blast**

Welcome to the March 2020 E-blast from the **National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA)**. Please share these monthly E-blasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The E-blast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

**Thank You!** – NMHOA is excited to welcome many new and renewing members. We thank you very much for your support and commitment to NMHOA!

**New NMHOA Web Address:**  
[www.manufacturedhomeowners.us](http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us)

### **NMHOA will share how Federal, State and Local Governments are responding to COVID-19 Pandemic**

In the wake of the COVID-19 outreach, the U.S economy has suffered major disruptions. Quarantines and travel restrictions around the world have interrupted international supply chains and movements of labor. Businesses across the U.S. have faced closures, reduced operations, and increased demand for sick leave and the ability to work from home. Consumers are subject quarantines and shelter-in-place orders and are struggling with the supply for key consumer goods, which has led to panic buying sprees. Students have seen schools and campuses closed and their school years shortened or changed to at-home online instruction. Medical personnel and health care systems face critically low inventories of key protective equipment and medical devices as requests for health services rise.

Federal, state and local governments have been responding in a variety of ways as the crisis continues to develop an NMHOA will work to share information with our members, beginning with this update with some basic information about the coronavirus:

- **How It Spreads** - Transmission between people within six feet of each other through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

- **How to Protect Yourself** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put distance between yourself and other people. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick. Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Use a hand sanitizer if washing hands is not an option. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **How to Protect Others** - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash. Wash your hands. Stay home if you are sick, except to seek medical care. If you are sick, wear a facemask when are around other people. If you are not sick, wear a facemask when caring for those who are sick. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily: doorknobs, tables, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

**NMHOA Annual Convention and I'M HOME Conference both postponed until 2021**

**NMHOA's annual convention** is a time for home owners from across the country to meet together to learn from each other and outside presenters about the best responses to common issues facing manufactured home owners. This event is generally held in a different state each year in the fall. It is also held in conjunction with the **I'M HOME (Innovations in Manufactured Homes) Conference**, which brings together a range of stakeholders interested in applying manufactured housing solutions to affordable housing challenges, including affordable housing developers, lenders, policymakers, industry experts, homeowners, community organizers and others. Both events have been postponed in response to the COVID-19 crisis and will take place some time in early 2021.

**Consumer Lobby Day postponed, while 2020 Consumer Assembly shifts to online**

Manufactured home owners and other consumers from around the country have participated in annual **Consumer Lobby Days** in Washington, D.C. for the last three years. The event is jointly organized by: Consumer Federation of America, National Consumer Law Center, Americans for Financial Reform, Consumers Union, Public Citizen, US PIRG, and other consumer groups.

Unfortunately, this year's lobby day has been postponed due to COVID-19. However, the **2020 Consumer Assembly**, which focuses on sharing information on important consumer issues will continue as a virtual event.

**Members only** – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* – this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminders for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Dave** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please contact Dave at [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com) with your burning questions. For your convenience, a membership form is a click away at: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/membership.html>

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: <http://www.manufacturedhomeowners.us/> and please “like” our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

**If there are stories or legislative successes from your state you would like to share through our E-blasts, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Dave Anderson at: [david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.anderson.nmhoa@gmail.com). Your story will inspire and educate others.**



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