

MEMORANDUM



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TO: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM: Janet Abrahams, President & CEO
DATE: August 13, 2021
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 21-0005R

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-005R for the purpose of requesting that the Department of General Services (DGS) provide the City Council with an update on how employees of DGS have been keeping City-owned buildings clean during the COVID-19 pandemic and post information about cleaning schedules in these buildings.

HABC's central offices are located in the City-owned Charles L. Benton building (Benton building) at 417 E. Fayette St. and we have been in communication with DGS throughout the pandemic regarding cleaning and maintenance of the building. Many of the HABC employees who work in the Benton building have been teleworking from March 2020, but there are several HABC staff members who report to the building at certain times. We have been keeping regular track of the days and hours that HABC staff is present in the Benton Building and if/when an HABC employee tests positive for COVID-19, we have the office space cleaned and sanitized by an outside contractor. HABC intends to bring more central staff back to our offices, including those located in the Benton building beginning on September 1, 2020, and we support this Resolution for an update about how often DGS employees are cleaning City-owned buildings and whether DGS has made any other changes to keep City-owned buildings safe for the public and for City employees.

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