

## **How to apply for protection under the CDC eviction moratorium**

Purpose: The CDC has ordered landlords to refrain from evicting any tenant for non-payment in most cases.

### **How to get this protection:**

1. Contact your local Community Action, Metro Housing, and Department of Jobs and Family Services to request rental assistance. Use the back of this page to record your efforts.
2. Every adult in your home should sign a copy of the attached form.
3. Give each signed form to your landlord or property manager.
  - a. If possible, mail the notice to your landlord with tracking, or ask your landlord to sign your copy to acknowledge receipt.
4. Keep a copy for your records, along with whatever proof you have that you sent it.

### **Do I qualify?**

You can sign this form if all of the following is true:

1. You have contacted your county's metro housing to ask about section 8 or public housing options, and either been waitlisted or denied.
2. You have contacted your local housing authority, Job and Family Services office, and Community Action office to ask about getting rental or housing assistance.
3. Your annual income is less than 99k, you were exempt from filing a tax return in 2019, or you received the stimulus check this year.
4. You or someone in your household has lost income recently due to either loss of work, loss of hours, or unusually high (7.5% of income) medical expenses.
5. You are doing your best to pay your rent, and will pay a partial payment if you are able to afford it.
6. You do not have a place to move if you are evicted without moving in with family.

### **Should I stop paying rent?**

NO! If you are able to pay your rent, you should. While you may not be evicted until April 2021, skipping your rent now means you likely will be evicted in April. Plus, you may find yourself paying late fees and or interest.

**Provided by the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.**

**Call (614) 241-2001 with any questions.**

FOR YOUR USE ONLY ----- DO NOT  
FILE WITH THE COURT

## EVICTION MORATORIUM CHECKLIST

**Contacted Job & Family Services**

**Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contacted Housing Authority (“HUD”)**

**Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contacted Community Action**

**Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contacted** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partial rent payments made**

**Amount(s)**

**Date(s)**

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**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY FOR THE CENTERS  
FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S TEMPORARY HALT IN  
EVICTIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19**

This declaration is for tenants, lessees, or residents of residential properties who are covered by the CDC's order temporarily halting residential evictions (not including foreclosures on home mortgages) to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Under the CDC's order you must provide a copy of this declaration to your landlord, owner of the residential property where you live, or other person who has a right to have you evicted or removed from where you live.

**Each adult listed on the lease, rental agreement, or housing contract should complete this declaration.**

Unless the CDC order is extended, changed, or ended, the order prevents you from being evicted or removed from where you are living through March 31, 2021. You are still required to pay rent and follow all the other terms of your lease and rules of the place where you live. You may also still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent or making a housing payment.

This declaration is sworn testimony, meaning that you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if you lie, mislead, or omit important information.

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I certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, that the foregoing are true and correct:

- x I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
- x I either expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;
- x I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;

- x I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses;
- x If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options.
- x I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.
- x I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on March 31, 2021, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to State and local laws.

I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.

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Signature of Declarant

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DATE