

COVID-19 RENT AND HOUSING INFORMATION

On March 20, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued an executive order prohibiting the eviction of tenants who cannot pay rent due to the COVID-19 crisis. The order lasts until June 11, 2020. Below are answers to some commonly asked questions about the governor's order and other housing issues.

CAN I BE EVICTED IF I CANNOT PAY MY RENT DURING THE CRISIS?

You cannot be evicted from your home for not paying your rent while Governor Whitmer's order is in place (March 20, 2020-June 11, 2020). Your landlord can still demand rent payment, as long as that demand is not made by personal delivery. *You will still owe your rent after the order ends on June 11.*

IF I CAN'T PAY MY RENT DURING THE CRISIS, WILL I HAVE TO PAY IT LATER?

Yes, you will still owe the money. Talk to your landlord and explain your situation. Beware of agreeing to anything you are not comfortable with. If you reach an agreement that works for you, get it in writing. If you cannot come to an agreement, the organizations listed on the next page of this info sheet may be able to help.

DO I STILL NEED TO PAY RENT DURING THE CRISIS IF I AM ABLE TO?

Yes, during the time of the governor's order, you must still pay your rent if you are able to.

MY LANDLORD IS TRYING TO EVICT ME OR ALREADY EVICTED ME DURING THE TIME OF THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

If your landlord has tried or does try to evict you between March 20 and June 11, 2020, you may wish to consult a lawyer (see the resources listed on the next page of this info sheet). You may also wish to call the Michigan Office of the Attorney General at (517) 335-7622.

CAN MY LANDLORD EVICT ME WITHOUT GOING TO COURT?

No. Your landlord must still take you to court to evict you.

DO I HAVE TO TELL MY LANDLORD IF I HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

No. You do not have to give your landlord information about your COVID-19 status, even if they ask you.

CAN MY LANDLORD MAKE ME USE MY STIMULUS PAYMENT TO PAY MY RENT?

No. You do not have to sign anything that says you will pay rent using your federal stimulus money or any other funds. If your landlord is pressuring you to do this, you may want to speak with a lawyer.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I THINK MY LANDLORD IS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ME?

If you think your landlord is discriminating against you because of your race, color, national origin, religion, disability, family or marital status, or age, you can contact a fair housing center. You can reach the Fair Housing Center of Metro Detroit at (313) 963-1274.

**Continue to the next page for a list
of housing resources.**

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FREE AND LOW-COST LEGAL AND EVICTION HELP

Legal Aid and Defender Association (English)

<http://ladadetroit.org/>

clgoutreach@ladadetroit.org

Michigan Lawyer Referral Service (English)

<https://lrs.michbar.org/LRS-Info/Lawyer-Referral-Service>

(800) 968-0738

Michigan Legal Services (English)

(313) 964-4130

United Community Housing Coalition (English)

<https://www.uchcdetroit.org/>

(313) 963-3310

eviction@uchcdetroit.org

Michigan Legal Help Online Resources (English, Spanish)

<https://michiganlegalhelp.org/guide-to-legal-help>

HELP PAYING RENT

United Way Helpline (English, Spanish)

Dial 2-1-1

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

(855) 275-6424, ask for "State Emergency Relief"

Wayne Metro (English, Spanish, Arabic, Bangla and more)

<https://www.waynemetro.org/cares>

(313) 388-9799

WMConnectCenter@waynemetro.org

OTHER HOUSING RESOURCES

- <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/self-help-tools/housing/covid-19-coronavirus-and-eviction-cases>
- <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/es/herramientas-de-autoayuda/vivienda/covid-19-el-nuevo-coronavirus-2019-y-casos-de-desalojo>