

## DOES THE CDC EVICTION MORATORIUM PROTECT ME?

### AM I ELIGIBLE?

You are only covered if:

- You are an individual with a net household income under \$99,000 *or* a couple with a net household income of \$198,000;
- You can't pay rent due to a substantial loss of income or extraordinary medical expense;
- You would likely become homeless if evicted;
- You have tried to obtain [state or local rental assistance](#); and
- You are making your best effort to pay as much rent as possible

### WHAT STEPS MUST I TAKE TO BE PROTECTED UNDER THE CDC MORATORIUM?

If you meet all of the conditions listed above, you need to fill out a [CDC Moratorium Declaration Form](#) and provide it to your landlord:

1. You can also go to the [HUD site](#) and find the declaration in multiple languages;
2. Figure out how many people are on your lease—that's how many declarations you'll need to fill out and sign;
3. Print and sign OR digitally sign declaration(s);
4. Send declaration(s) to your landlord via certified mail OR email. This is so you have proof of submission. Don't forget to make a copy of the declaration for your records.

Make sure you keep any documents that reflect your hardship. For example: a letter, email or text about losing your job or your hours being cut, hospital bills, and/or tax returns. If your landlord ignores or challenges your declaration, find legal help at [www.masslrf.org](http://www.masslrf.org).

### WHEN COULD I BE EVICTED UNDER THE CDC MORATORIUM?

Even if you are protected by the CDC order, your landlord can still begin the process of evicting you. You may receive what is called a **complaint and summons**, and you may need to appear in court.

You should **not** ignore a summons to appear in court, even if you believe you are protected by the CDC order because a judge may enter an order or ruling against you (default judgment). Keep in mind that the CDC moratorium expires on December 31, 2020.

The CDC order does **not** eliminate your obligation to pay rent or late fees. To increase the chance of being able to stay in your home when the moratorium ends, you should: pay as much rent as you can; talk with your landlord to negotiate; keep a paper or email trail; and [seek rental assistance if you need help](#).