

Information for Renters in Pennsylvania Affected by the Coronavirus

All Pennsylvanians will be protected from eviction through at least May 11, 2020.
Many renters may be protected for longer.

Go to rhls.org/coronavirus-federal-protections-for-renters/ to find out more.

Contact your local legal aid office with specific questions. Visit palegalaid.net/legal-aid-providers-in-pa.

Even with these protections, you still owe rent. Contact your landlord to try and work out a payment arrangement.



For All Pennsylvania Renters



The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has put all evictions on hold until May 11, 2020. Some local courts have protections that last longer. You still owe rent, but cannot be evicted until May 11 at the earliest.

If you cannot pay your rent:



- A landlord must file an eviction with a court to legally remove you from your home. Some people receive non-legal eviction threats from landlords and assume they must leave, but this isn't true.
- Your landlord cannot file an eviction with the court until April 30 at the earliest.

If your eviction was in process prior to COVID-19 related shut downs:

- If your landlord has already filed to evict you and you haven't had a hearing yet, your hearing will be postponed until at least May 11.
- No hearings will be scheduled and all pleading deadlines are postponed to at least May 11.
- If your landlord has already filed to evict you and was successful in court, your appeal deadline will be extended until at least May 11.
- If your landlord has already filed to evict you and you have a judgment that cannot be appealed, you will not be removed by local law enforcement until May 11 at the earliest.



If your landlord tries to lock you out or shut off your utilities, or if you have questions about a pending eviction, contact your local legal aid office immediately.

Regional Housing Legal Services is working to inform Pennsylvanians affected by the Corona Virus. As of April 28, 2020, RHLS understands the above. Each situation is different and the information may change.

Visit www.rhls.org for more information & resources.