

National Eviction Moratorium FAQs

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, “BEST EFFORTS” TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE, OR OTHER CRITERIA FOR COVERAGE?

The CDC’s order does not require you to provide any proof with the declaration. However, you may want to have documents on hand in case your landlord attempts to challenge the declaration.

DO I NEED TO PROVE MY FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IS RELATED TO COVID-19?

No. The CDC’s order does not require that a renter’s financial hardship be COVID-related.

IF I HAVE ROOMMATES, DO WE EACH NEED TO FILL OUT A DECLARATION?

Yes. The CDC’s order specifies that every adult on the lease should sign and send their own declaration.

WHAT IF MY LANDLORD IGNORES THE DECLARATION AND MOVES FORWARD WITH EVICTION?

Call your local legal aid office, tenant association, or local bar association for assistance.

WHAT IF I AM IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EVICTED?

Because the order blocks all phases of the eviction process, eligible tenants going through an eviction should quickly provide their landlord a signed declaration to halt the eviction.

WHAT IF MY STATE ALREADY HAS AN EVICTION MORATORIUM IN PLACE?

The stronger provisions of the state ordinance should remain in effect along with the CDC order, but the CDC order does not completely explain this issue.

SHOULD I STILL PAY MY RENT?

Yes. If you are able, you should still pay as much of your rent as possible in order to continue meeting the qualifications for the moratorium. The declaration also requires you to agree that you will make partial payments to your landlord to the extent your circumstances allow it. All back rent will have to be paid once the moratorium expires on December 31, 2020.

DOES THE MORATORIUM INCLUDE ANY MONEY TO HELP ME PAY RENT?

No. Without rental assistance, the moratorium doesn’t ultimately prevent evictions – it just delays them.

CAN I BE EVICTED WHEN THE MORATORIUM EXPIRES?

Yes, although right now it is unclear whether the CDC’s order would waive protections afforded to renters under state or local laws.

Information from the [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)