

# CAN I BE EVICTED

## during the COVID-19 crisis in Cook County?

What is the reason for eviction?

Late with rent or didn't pay

Violation other than rent payment

Do you expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income (or \$198,000 for joint filers) for the year 2020? OR Were you not required to file taxes in 2019? OR Did you receive an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check)?

**YES** **NO**

Due to COVID-19, are you unable to pay your 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?

**YES** **NO**

If evicted would you 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 you have no other available housing options?

**YES** **NO**

Are you using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as your circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses?

**YES** **NO**

The Cook County Sheriff will not process evictions until May 1. However, the sheriff may evict those tenants who pose a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants or an immediate and severe risk to property.

**NOTE:**  
 Even if you meet the requirements described to the left, you are still required to make rent payments to the fullest extent possible after non-discretionary expenses such as food, utilities, and transportation.

You may not be covered by the Illinois eviction moratorium.  
 If you need financial assistance, you can call 311 if you live in Chicago, or the office of your local township if you live elsewhere.  
 For legal assistance, please call the number listed below.

**NOTE:**  
 The City of Chicago has enacted a new law similar to the CDC's order that requires that landlords to enter into reasonable repayment agreements with tenants impacted by COVID-19.  
 If you have questions about what protections apply to you, please call us at the number below.

If you answered yes to all of the questions above, you read the following COVID impact declaration, carefully sign it, and send it to your landlord: [bit.ly/2lLopJT](https://bit.ly/2lLopJT)

The current eviction moratorium provides that an eviction against you cannot be filed (or continued if an eviction has already been filed) by your landlord if you meet the criteria above and provide them with a signed COVID impact declaration. The eviction moratorium is currently scheduled to expire on May 1, but it is possible that this date will be extended.

Please call the number listed below for further assistance.



For further assistance, call Legal Aid Chicago at 312-341-1070



You can also apply for help online at [illinoislegalaid.org](https://illinoislegalaid.org)