

March 25, 2020



Information about Evictions and Court Dates during Court Closure

The Civil Courts are closed to eviction matters and will re-open April 6, 2020, unless the Court extends that date. Nothing can be filed until then, including new eviction Complaints, or Answers to existing Complaints.

If your housing matter has already been scheduled by the Court, that court date has now been extended 60 days. The Court will notify you of your new court dates via mail.

New Eviction Protection for Tenants: If you cannot pay your rent during the crisis, because you lost income, or had health issues, or had childcare issues, ***as a result of the pandemic***, your landlord cannot terminate your tenancy for nonpayment of rent until at least June 1st. Your obligation to pay your rent still exists, but your landlord cannot evict you for nonpayment until at least June 1st.

In order to qualify for this relief, ***you must document the connection between the virus and your inability to pay***, and you must provide this documentation to your landlord. If you **need help** doing this, or have any other questions about your rights, please **call our Housing Hotline during business hours**.

Legal Aid recommends that tenants keep medical evidence to demonstrate that they lost their job, were laid off, had reduced hours or experienced a reduction in consumer demand impacting income. Tenants should also keep documentation showing the need to miss work due to caring for school-aged kids or family members infected with coronavirus.

Legal Aid Housing Hotline during business hours: 707-843-4432