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COVID-19: Information for Tenants in Rental Housing

- On March 19, 2020, Gov. Holcomb issued an order that “paused” eviction cases while there is an ongoing public health emergency. **The eviction pause for non-payment of rent has been extended through July 31, 2020.**
- **There are several rental assistance programs available to Hoosiers, depending on where you live. To learn more about Indiana's new statewide program, [click here](#) . (Note the program goes live on July 13, 2020).**
- This pause **does not** mean that tenants do not have to pay rent. You should still pay your rent.
- Landlords may now file an eviction if there is an immediate and serious injury, loss or damage to the property.
- Failure to pay rent and other lease violations may result in eviction actions being filed or heard in court after the state of emergency ends.
- Landlords may not forcibly remove tenants from their rental property, nor can they lock out tenants or discontinue utility services. If a landlord does so, tenants should call local law enforcement. If your landlord attempts to evict you while the pause is in place, you may also file a [complaint with the Indiana Attorney General’s Office](#).
- If you feel that your landlord is trying to evict you inappropriately, you may contact our office for an application for legal assistance. [Click here to find out how to apply](#).

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