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Information on Housing Cases During the COVID-19 Pandemic

From 12/28/20 – 2/26/21:

New York State has an eviction moratorium on most eviction cases for December 28, 2020 through February 26, 2021. With the exception of cases involving certain types of “nuisance” behavior, eviction cases currently in court will not be heard and will not proceed during this time. There will be no evictions unless specifically authorized by the court for individual nuisance cases.

From 3/1/21 – 5/1/21:

After 2/26/21, there is an additional eviction moratorium until May 1, 2021, if a tenant submits a hardship declaration form to the housing court or to their landlord. The hardship form can be found at www.nycourts.gov/eefpa and can also be found and submitted through sites such as <https://www.evictionfreeny.org/en>. All tenants with existing housing court eviction cases should have received the form by mail from the court. All landlords who wish to start an eviction case at this time must include the hardship form with the court papers provided to a tenant. Bronx tenants may submit the form to court by mail (to 1118 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY 10456), at a dropbox inside the front entrance of the Courthouse, by email to BronxHardshipDeclaration@nycourts.gov or through the www.evictionfreeny.org website. Tenants may also submit the form to their landlord.

- There is no restriction on bringing or processing repair (“HP”), harassment or illegal lockout cases. These cases should be moving forward if they have been filed.
- Housing court is currently open but is limiting “in person” operations to those in which someone is not able to access the court through phone or remote operations. Most cases are being handled through remote conferences wherever possible.



After 5/1/21:

Unless additional eviction protections are adopted, evictions and eviction cases will be able to move forward in New York State. However, all tenants unable to pay their rent due to financial hardship during the COVID-19 state of emergency may be eligible for eviction-protection. All tenants facing a possible eviction through court should seek legal counsel and may be eligible for free legal assistance through housing court or by calling (718) 557-1379 or by visiting www.nycourts.gov/evictions/nyc/.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

ALL Tenants have a right to:

- ❖ Request a **FREE LAWYER** by calling 718-557-1379 or by visiting www.nycourts.gov/evictions/nyc/
- ❖ Ask a judge to prevent their eviction if they have been financially impacted during the pandemic
- ❖ AND apply for rental assistance from HRA thru the website <https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/login>

QUESTIONS?

Housing Court 718-466-3000/ **Housing Court Answers** Mon. – Fri. 9am to 5pm 212-962-4795 or <http://housingcourtanswers.org/>

FOR AN INTAKE APPOINTMENT WITH POTS LEGAL CLINIC:
call 718-220-4892 x 101 or email legalclinic@potsbronx.org