

COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Evictions

Protecting Against COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH, has signed a stay-at-home order requiring Ohioans to stay home except for essential needs or to work in essential jobs. A bill signed by Governor Mike DeWine on March 27, 2020, gives local judges increased discretion in eviction hearings. A goal is to make sure as many Ohioans as possible have homes in which they can stay.

Things to know:

- The bill hits the pause button on required time limits for criminal, civil, and administrative court proceedings.
- Any time limits set to expire between March 9, 2020, and July 30, 2020, are extended. The clock on time limits will start ticking again on July 30, 2020, or when the state of emergency declared by Governor DeWine ends, whichever is sooner.
- This means judges can temporarily postpone court matters, including eviction cases, regardless of the timelines required by law. To read the provision, read Section 22 of [House Bill 197](#) (as enrolled).
- Governor DeWine said an outright eviction ban would be problematic because judges must retain the ability to enforce certain orders, such as to evict domestic violence offenders or residents who commit crimes (e.g. dealing drugs).
- Prior to the passage of the bill, Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor had asked local judges to temporarily stay eviction and foreclosure proceedings, as appropriate. She is expected to issue additional guidance on the matter. More information is available at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/coronavirus/default.aspx>.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.

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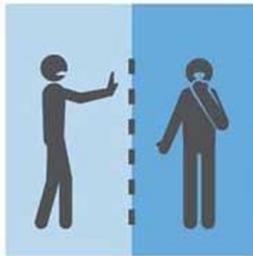
Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

PREVENTION

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STAY HOME



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS



WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)



DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES



CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

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