



To: Washtenaw County Tenants
 From: Legal Services of South Central Michigan
 Date: March 23, 2020
 Re: Washtenaw County Evictions During COVID-19 Emergency

Governor Whitmer has signed an [executive order](#) that stops residential evictions in Michigan during the COVID-19 emergency. The order is in effect through April 17. There is an exception that allows for the removal of tenants if they pose a substantial risk to another person or an imminent and severe risk to property.

Washtenaw County courts have also put a hold on all eviction cases. The following courts are freezing all current and new cases until the following date:

Court	Area Covered	Moratorium Until:
15 th District	City of Ann Arbor	April 6, 2020
14B District	Ypsilanti Township	Further notice
14A District	Remainder of Washtenaw County ¹	April 6, 2020

This means that there will be no evictions ordered and no eviction case hearings until the holds expire. This also means that, in most cases, your landlord cannot use a court order to physically remove you or your belongings from the property until after April 17.

Once the courts resume, you will get a notice from the court with your new hearing date. You can also call the courts or check their websites if you have questions.

¹ Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Pittsfield Township, Salem Township, Superior Township, Village of Barton Hills, City of Ypsilanti, Bridgewater Township, City of Saline, City of Chelsea, Saline Township, Dexter Township, City of Dexter, Scio Township, Freedom Township, Sharon Township, Lima Township, Sylvan Township, Lodi Township, Lyndon Township, Village of Manchester, Manchester Township, Webster Township, City of Milan.



Important Information about Your Rights:

- These moratoriums do not release you from any obligations under your lease. This means you still owe your landlord any rent that becomes due during this period.
- It is illegal for your landlord to evict you without going to court and getting an eviction order. Your landlord cannot physically remove you or your belongings without a court order. **If your landlord is trying to physically evict you without a court order, call 911 and then Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) at (734) 665-6181.**
- It is also illegal for your landlord to try to force you out in other ways, such as changing your locks, shutting off your utilities, or using force or threatening to use force to try to get you to leave.
- If you have a Section 8 voucher or live in a subsidized property, tell your voucher administrator or landlord immediately in writing if you lose income and save a copy of the communication for yourself.

Tenant Resources:

- If you have other questions about your rights or need legal assistance:
 - Call Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) at (734) 665-6181.
 - Visit www.michiganlegalhelp.org; includes information on the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on common legal issues.
- If you are behind on rent and need help, contact:
 - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to apply for State Emergency Relief (SER):
 - Call – (734) 481-2000
 - Apply Online – mibridges.michigan.gov
 - Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC)
 - Call – (734) 961-1999
 - Housing Bureau for Seniors (55+ only)
 - Call – (734) 998-9339