



To: Washtenaw County Tenants  
 From: Legal Services of South Central Michigan  
 Date: March 17, 2020  
 Re: Washtenaw County Evictions During COVID-19 Emergency

Washtenaw County courts have issued temporary moratoriums, or holds, on evictions. The following courts are freezing all current and new cases until the following date:

Court	Area Covered	Moratorium Until:
15 <sup>th</sup> District	City of Ann Arbor	April 6, 2020
14B District	Ypsilanti Township	April 16, 2020
14A District	Remainder of Washtenaw County <sup>1</sup>	April 6, 2020

This means that there will be no evictions ordered and no eviction case hearings until the moratoriums expire. 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.

### 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.**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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- 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](http://www.michiganlegalhelp.org)
- 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](http://mibridges.michigan.gov)
  - Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC)
    - Call – (734) 961-1999
  - Housing Bureau for Seniors (55+ only)
    - Call – (734) 998-9339