

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHICAGO TENANTS FEARING EVICTION BECAUSE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

You have the right under a Chicago Ordinance to try to work out an agreement with your landlord. To use this right, you just need to **write, text, or email** your landlord that your income has gone down because of the pandemic (do not just call or ask in person). Then your landlord must negotiate with you. You can text "covid" or "notice" to 866-7RENTER (866-773-6837) to have a form notice texted to you or visit rentervention.com/covid.

If you have any type of **subsidized housing**, you have additional rights. You may have the right to ask to have your rent amount reduced (recertified) – you may even be able to ask that the reduction go back to when you lost your income if you had a good reason that you needed to wait to ask. You may also have additional rights to negotiate with your landlord.

The laws that have been stopping evictions will end soon – **please do not delay**.

Resources are available to help prevent evictions.

Rental Assistance:

Call 311 and ask for short-term help for housing.

Go to your local Department of Family and Support Services office.

Visit <https://www.ihda.org>.

FREE Legal Assistance:

Call CARPLS: 312.738.9200 to talk to an attorney or get a referral.

Visit rentervention.com for legal assistance and information.

Visit IllinoisLegalAid.org for legal information or to apply for legal assistance.

Call Legal Aid Chicago: 312.341.1070 if you have **subsidized housing**.

FREE Assistance with Negotiation:

Call Center for Conflict Resolution: 312.922.6464 (x22) or visit www.ccrchicago.org to talk to a mediator.