

## **ABOUT THE NEW CDC EVICTION MORATORIUM – EVICTIONS ARE DELAYED FOR MOST TENANTS UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Normally, our program can only take applications from people who are **imminently facing eviction**, which means you need an eviction notice. The notice must say you have to be out in 14 days or less.

Currently, there is a new moratorium that can **temporarily stop all evictions** for tenants who can't pay their rent. This moratorium is in effect until December 31, although it could be discontinued OR extended.

*The purpose of the moratorium is to give tenants TIME to get caught up on their rent so they don't have to potentially lose their housing and go to a shelter or double up with family members, since these circumstances help to spread COVID-19 in the community.*

**However, because of the moratorium, Advocacy Outreach is unable to help most clients at this time, since they aren't in imminent danger of eviction for the next few months.**

How the process works:

- The forms can be found on our website, [www.advocacyoutreach.org](http://www.advocacyoutreach.org) under "Latest News." There are also questions and answers about how it works.
- Make sure all of the conditions apply to you.
- Fill out both forms for EACH adult household member on the lease
- Give them to your landlord

**Be sure you save ANY documentation that shows your family's income loss AND that you attempted to get help – you *may* need this documentation later.** Examples are:

- Unemployment award letters
- Pay stubs showing reduced income
- Letters of furlough or layoff or other letters from your employer showing a job loss or reduction in hours
- Any documents showing you could not continue child care for your children, so therefore you could not work

**The moratorium will only slow down evictions. When the moratorium expires after December 31, you still must pay ALL your rent and any late fees that are on your lease.**

You can still be evicted for other things, such as:

- Lease violations
- Behavior that is dangerous to landlords, your housing or your neighbors
- Your lease is ending, is not being renewed and you have been given 30 days' notice to move

Please feel free to leave a message for a case manager, 512-281-4180 or email [info@advocacyoutreach.org](mailto:info@advocacyoutreach.org). We can document your situation in case you file for the moratorium and it gets challenged by the landlord. JP courts in Bastrop County are aware of the moratorium and the forms involved.

At this time, tenants may be eligible to apply for our rental assistance program once the moratorium nears its expiration date. However, our program has limited funding as well as other program rules, and \*may not\* have the ability to pay excessive arrears.