



# Know Your Rights: Eviction Moratorium



# Agenda

01

**Introductions**

02

**NYS Moratorium Explained**

03

**Q&A**

04

**Closing**



# Today's Speakers

---

**Natalie Goncharov**

Brooklyn Legal Services  
Legal Services Staff  
Association, UAW 2320

---

**Brian Cook**

Assistant Comptroller for  
Economic Development  
Office of the New York  
City Comptroller

---



# NYS Moratorium Explained



## **The NYS Moratorium is One of the Strongest**

Last month, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo passed an executive order which limited court operations to essential matters. Additionally, the Chief Administrative Judge of New York State issued a memo, effective March 16th, with updated protocols for trial courts in the Unified Court System. These updates impact renters and homeowners because they placed a moratorium on evictions and deferred mortgage payments.

## **La moratoria del estado de Nueva York es una de las más fuertes**

El mes pasado, el gobernador del estado de Nueva York, Andrew Cuomo, aprobó una orden ejecutiva que limitaba las operaciones judiciales a asuntos esenciales. Además, el Juez administrativo principal del estado de Nueva York emitió un memorando, efectivo a partir del 16 de marzo, con protocolos actualizados para los tribunales de primera instancia del Sistema Judicial Unificado. Estas actualizaciones impactan a los inquilinos y propietarios porque colocaron una moratoria sobre los desalojos y los pagos diferidos de la hipoteca.



**Q: What does the eviction moratorium mean?**

**A: Landlords can't sue, there are no evictions and all courts that hear eviction cases are effectively closed for residential and commercial tenants across the state.**

**There will be no evictions of any kind, for anyone, as long as the moratorium is in place.**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/faq-covid](http://bit.ly/faq-covid) + [bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ](http://bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ)



**¿Qué significa la moratoria de desalojo?**

**Los dueños no pueden iniciar casos, no habrá desalojos y todas las cortes que escuchan casos de desalojo están cerradas. La moratoria se aplica tanto a los inquilinos residenciales (en todo tipo de viviendas) como a los inquilinos comerciales.**

**No habrá desalojos de ningún tipo, para nadie, mientras exista la moratoria.**

Para más información, visite:

[bit.ly/faq-covid](http://bit.ly/faq-covid) + [bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ](http://bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ)



**Q: I have an upcoming court date for my eviction case, what should I do?**

**A: Any court dates for eviction cases will be postponed, and the court will mail you a notice with your new court date. Currently, cases are being adjourned for a minimum of 45 days. We expect cases to be adjourned multiple times during the length of the crisis.**

For more information go to:

[bit.ly/faq-covid](http://bit.ly/faq-covid) + [bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ](http://bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ)



**Tengo una próxima cita en la corte para mi caso de desalojo, ¿qué debo hacer?**

**Cualquier fecha de corte para casos de desalojo se pospondrá, y la corte le enviará un aviso con su nueva fecha de corte. Actualmente, los casos se suspenden por un mínimo de 45 días. Esperamos que los casos se suspendan varias veces durante la duración de la crisis.**

Para más información, visite:

[bit.ly/faq-covid](http://bit.ly/faq-covid) + [bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ](http://bit.ly/MoratoriumFAQ)

## **Discrimination**

In addition to the prohibition against discrimination based on perceived or actual race, national origin, disability, or other protected classes, your landlord cannot harass or discriminate against you due to fears regarding COVID-19



## **Emergency Repair Cases**

While eviction proceedings are halted, New York City Housing Courts are still hearing serious issues related to heat and hot water, landlords locking tenants out of apartments, lead, and other serious housing code violations.

All tenants, regardless of income, will be able to access legal services through Legal Services NYC for these types of cases.



## **NYCHA**

If you live in a NYCHA development and have lost 5 percent or more in income for two months or more, and your rent exceeds 30 percent of household income, you may be eligible for a rent reduction. NYCHA residents who meet those qualifications should request an income recertification through the NYCHA Self-Service Portal or through their local management office.



# Additional Resources



**For more  
information:**

**NYS Unified Court  
System:**  
833-503-0447

**Housing Court  
Answers for NYC:**  
212-962-4795

**Para más  
información:**

**Sistema judicial unificado  
del estado de Nueva York:**  
833-503-0447

**Housing Court Answers  
para la Ciudad de Nueva  
York:**

212-962-4795

**If a City Marshal tries to evict you** call the NYC Department of Investigation (DOI) Bureau of City Marshals at (212) 825-5953.

**To report discrimination to the NYC Commission on Human Rights fill out this form here.**

**Si un Alguacil de la ciudad intenta desalojarle** llame a la Oficina de Alguaciles de la Ciudad, del Departamento de Investigación de Nueva York (DOI) al (212) 825-5953.

**Para denunciar discriminación a la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York, complete este formulario aquí.**



FAQs are available in:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Haitian Kreyol
- Yiddish
- Russian

**To learn more about the ongoing organizing efforts for tenant relief:**

**Check out Housing Justice for All's Covid-19 agenda:**

<https://www.housingjusticeforall.org/covid19>

**Met Council on Housing's  
Tenants' Rights Telephone Hotline**

212-979-0611

**If you'd like to learn more about the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition:**

Contact Susanna Blankley

[susanna@righttocounselnyc.org](mailto:susanna@righttocounselnyc.org)



# Thank You!

If you have any questions, concerns please contact:

**Xiomara Loarte**

Community Outreach Coordinator

917-225-2712 (c)

xloarte@nycclc.org



# Q&A

