



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

# CONSUMER & BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Housing & Tenant Protections

## Notice to Landlord of Inability to Pay Rent due to COVID-19—Instructions

The following template can be used to provide to your landlord(s) with notice of your inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to COVID-19 no later than seven (7) days after the date the rent was due, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

### Instructions:

1. **Fill out the template completely.**
2. **Provide a copy of this template to your landlord no later than seven (7) days after your rent is due.**

Below, indicate the method in which you provided notice to your landlord(s). The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) recommends providing notice either by email or certified mail.

- Email sent to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified mail sent to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
- First Class mail sent to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Save a copy of this notice for your records.**

Though it is not required, you may wish to submit documents to support your claim. Some examples include but are not limited to: paycheck stubs from before and after the COVID-19 pandemic, a letter from employer with reduced hours or layoff due to COVID-19, bank statements showing your financial situation before and after the COVID-19 pandemic, a statement of diagnosis of COVID-19, or any other documents that verify your financial loss is related to COVID-19.

**NOTE:** Should your landlord take you to court, you may be required to produce documentation to prove your financial hardship at that time. Please consult with a private attorney or reach out to Stay Housed L.A. at 888-694-0040 if you need legal assistance.

Please note that the Resolution does not provide a waiver of rent. It simply provides more time to pay any past due rent. No late fees or interest can be accrued during the Resolution. Tenants will have twelve (12) months following the end of the Resolution period to repay any past due rent. Tenants are encouraged to make partial payments if they can afford to do so. DCBA offers free mediation services for tenants and landlords who wish to work out a payment plan. Please contact us at (800) 593-8222 to learn more.

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## NOTICE TO LANDLORD OF INABILITY TO PAY RENT DUE TO COVID-19

From:

Date:

Dear

On March 19, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors enacted a temporary eviction moratorium, now known as the County's COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution (Resolution). For rent due on or after July 1, 2022, the Resolution protects residential tenants whose household income is at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI)<sup>1</sup> from eviction if they are unable to pay rent due to a COVID-19 financial hardship. To qualify, tenant household incomes cannot exceed the amounts listed below. Tenants are required to notify landlord(s) of their inability to pay rent **no later than seven (7) days** after the date the rent was due, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Household Size

AMI%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
80%	\$66,750	\$76,250	\$85,800	95,300	\$102,950	\$110,550	\$118,200	\$125,800

This letter is to inform you that my household income is currently at or below 80% of the AMI, and due to a COVID-19 related financial impact(s), I am unable to pay my rent due on for the following reason(s) (Check all that apply):

- Suspected or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 or caring for myself or someone else such as a household member suspected or confirmed with COVID-19.
- Lay-off, loss of hours, loss of revenue, or other income reduction resulting from business closure or other economic or employer impacts of COVID-19.
- Compliance with a recommendation from the County's Health Officer to stay home, self- quarantine, or avoid congregation with others during the state of emergency.
- Extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses related to diagnosis of, testing for, and/or treatment of COVID-19.
- Childcare needs arising from school closures related to COVID-19.
- Other COVID-19 related reason (specify):

I have also attached supporting documents to support my claim, as indicated on the next page.

I understand my rent is not being waived and as a residential tenant I have twelve (12) months following the end of the Resolution period to pay back any amount due.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times.

Regards,

<sup>1</sup> Income limits are established by the California Dept of Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidelines (effective May 13, 2022)



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## Notice to Landlord of Inability to Pay Rent due to COVID-19—Additional Documentation

Date of Notice:

Tenant(s) Name:

I have included the following documents as verification of my inability to pay rent due to a COVID-19 financial hardship. I understand I may not be required to provide documentation, but have enclosed the following to further support my claim (Check all that apply):

- A doctor's statement verifying a diagnosis of COVID-19
- A letter from my employer stating that I have had a reduction in work hours, experienced a lay-off or termination due to COVID-19
- Paystubs documenting the difference in hours/pay due to COVID-19
- Financial statements from my banking institution demonstrating my financial status before and after the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Other (specify):

Please note that these documents are to be kept confidential and only used to verify my financial hardship due to COVID-19.