

# COVID-19 Rapid Response Free Legal Services for Tenants:

## EVICTION PREVENTION LEGAL CLINIC

by the Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project



**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**10AM - 12PM & 3PM - 5PM**



If you need **legal advice** or have questions about your rental housing, leave a voicemail at

**323-939-0506** or email

**housinghelp@bettzedek.org** to

request an appointment.

# COVID-19 State of Emergency: What Tenants in Los Angeles County Need to Know

1. **You have protections.** Many emergency measures have passed, giving impacted tenants more rights and protections.
2. **If you are unable to pay your rent because of COVID-19, seek legal advice immediately.** In most cases, you are required to give your landlord notice within seven days after the rent is due. You can visit [norent.org](http://norent.org) for help writing a letter to your landlord.
3. **Don't rush to sign a payment plan.** If your landlord asks you to sign a payment plan, be cautious and get legal help **before** you sign.
4. **Your landlord cannot lock you out of your home or apartment.** This is illegal and a crime under the law. Your landlord must follow the law and the court process.
5. **Most unlawful detainer (eviction) lawsuits are on hold.** However, you might still receive an eviction notice from the landlord, and the landlord might still file an eviction lawsuit. If you receive a 3-day notice to pay or quit from the landlord, papers in the mail from the court, or other legal documents, seek legal advice immediately. If you receive a **summons** in an eviction lawsuit, you must file an answer with the court **within 5 days**.
6. **Stay put and get help.** If you get a notice from the landlord or receive court papers, seek legal advice. Learn what protections apply to you. The L.A. County Sheriff's Department is currently not enforcing evictions (or lockouts) unless it is an emergent case. This could change without notice.