



COVID-19 EDITION EVICTIONS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES

Last updated March 23, 2020. The situation is changing rapidly.
Please check our website for the latest updates.

QUESTIONS



I received a 14-day eviction notice in March 2020. What is going to happen?

On March 20, 2020 Governor Cuomo issued a 90-day moratorium on all evictions. Even if you received a 14-day notice from the sheriff, you will not be evicted until at least June 19, 2020.

It is still unclear what will happen in June 2020. Please check our website for further updates, or contact Nassau Suffolk Law Services at (631) 232-2400 (Suffolk) or (516) 292-8100 (Nassau).



I have a court date for an eviction proceeding. What should I do?

All eviction cases have been adjourned.

Tenants with cases in District Court can check their adjourn dates by **going to e-courts** and following the prompts to look up their case (by name or index number).

If you have an eviction case in the Suffolk County east end Justice Courts, please call NSLS.



If evictions are suspended, do I need to pay my rent?

Many families are facing difficult choices because of coronavirus. Even though evictions are suspended, your rent is still due. Contact your local Department of Social Services to see if you may be eligible for emergency rent assistance.

But, if you cannot pay your rent, your landlord will not be able to start an eviction proceeding until the courts re-open. Your landlord will not be able to use this as a basis to evict you until at least June 2020.



My landlord changed the locks or shut off my utilities. What can I do?

In N.Y. it is a crime for a landlord to lock someone out of their home, or to turn off the utilities or remove someone's property to force them out. The only legal evictions are conducted by the Sheriff's office and the Sheriff is not conducting evictions until June 2020. If you have been illegally evicted, **call the police** immediately. You can also file an Order to Show Cause to be restored to your home. Learn more about **illegal evictions here**.

- Tenants in Suffolk who have experienced an illegal eviction should call or visit the court at (631) 208-5775 or call Nassau Suffolk Law Services at (631) 232-2400.
- Tenants in Nassau who have experienced an illegal eviction should call or visit the court at (516) 493-4113.

ANSWERS