

STATE OF MICHIGAN 70 TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	Tenants' Advice of Rights	
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1. **Rent Assistance.** You may be able to obtain free assistance for some or all of the rent due from:

- United Way of Saginaw County at (989) 272-1821
- the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
 - If you have a caseworker at MDHHS, you should contact him/her immediately
 - If you do not have a caseworker at MDHHS, immediately contact the local eligibility specialist at (989) 758-1115, or by email at oboylec@michigan.gov, or apply for assistance online at www.mibridges.michigan.gov
- for veterans, the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) or online at www.va.gov/homeless

You DO NOT need a judgment to receive assistance from United Way or MDHHS. The Summons and Complaint from the court case are sufficient.

2. **Legal Assistance.** You have the right to an attorney.

- If you do not have an attorney and are financially able to retain one, you may locate an attorney through --
 - the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-968-0738
 - the Saginaw County Bar Association lawyer referral service
 - "Fields of Practice" pamphlet available in the court's Civil Division
 - online at www.saginawbar.org (click on "Fields of Practice")
- If you do not have an attorney and are not financially able to hire one, you may qualify for free assistance through Legal Services of Eastern Michigan:
 - (989) 214-1273
 - www.lsem-mi.org
 - 301 E. Genesee Ave., 5th Floor, Saginaw, Michigan

3. **Mediation Services.** The Michigan Community Dispute Resolution Program and its local office, the Community Resolution Center, may be able to assist resolving your case through mediation. Contact the Community Resolution Center at (989) 799-5949 or online at crc@mediation-crc.org.

4. **Conditional Dismissal.** If you and your landlord agree, the court will enter a Consent Order for Conditional Dismissal which will dismiss the case on the condition you make required payment(s). The court will provide the form upon request.

COVID-19 Impact on Landlord/Tenant and Land Contract Proceedings

<i>Until</i>	<i>Impact</i>	<i>Authority</i>
July 16, 2020	nobody can remove or exclude occupants of residential property held under a lease or land contract (unless there is substantial risk to another person or imminent and severe risk to property)	Governor's Executive Order 2020-134 (extending EO 2020-118)
	landlord cannot demand possession or threaten eviction based on nonpayment of rent	
	sheriffs and other court officers cannot serve summons/complaint seeking possession of residential property held under a lease or land contract	
July 25, 2020	landlords cannot issue notice to vacate a "covered dwelling" (and then, notice must allow tenant at least 30 days to vacate)	§ 4024 of federal CARES Act, Public Law No. 116-136 Supreme Court AO 2020-8 Supreme Court AO 2020-17
	landlords cannot file actions to recover possession of a "covered dwelling" for non-payment of rent or other fees or charges	
	landlords seeking to recover property that is <i>not</i> a "covered dwelling" must submit verification indicating the property is exempt (SCAO form DC 504)	
	a "covered dwelling" includes leased residential property that is subject to a federal housing program (e.g. Section 8 Housing Voucher program) or a federally-backed mortgage (e.g. FHA, VA, USDA, Freddie Mac, and Fannie Mae)	
	for cases filed before April 16, 2020, landlords must update complaint's factual allegations, including removing fees or costs prohibited by CARES Act	
continuing	days falling during period from March 10 through June 20 are excluded from computation of time under MCR 1.108(1)	Supreme Court AO 2020-18