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Subject: COVID-19 CDC Order Temporarily Halting Evictions
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Good Afternoon,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order ([85 FR 55292](#)) on September 4, 2020, declaring a temporary halt on residential evictions until December 31, 2020, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. In order to be eligible, tenants must sign a declaration, under penalty of perjury, attesting to their inability to pay rent and other stipulations as described in the order. To invoke the CDC Order these persons must provide a completed copy of the Declaration form in the attachment to the order (or a similar declaration under penalty of perjury) to their landlord, owner of the residential property where they live, or other person who has a right to have them evicted or removed from where they live. Each adult listed on the lease, rental agreement, or housing contract should complete and provide a declaration.

During the temporary eviction moratorium, rent and fees can accumulate and payment in full of these fees after the end date of this order (January 1, 2021) can be required by the housing provider. This could, understandably, be a burden to W-2 participants, and lead to evictions in January 2021. Thus, we encourage agencies to consider reaching out to their local resources which may be able to support renters in making rent payments regardless of the temporary halt on evictions. As mentioned in the Help Desk COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions Document](#) (#49 on 3/27/20) agencies may issue emergency payments to new W-2 participants for emergency needs such as shelter, food, work-related expenses, etc. that are a result of COVID-19. For more information on emergency payments, please see section [19.1](#) of the W-2 Manual. This order does not prevent eviction for other reasons, nor protect people residing in hotels/motels or like properties.

For impending homelessness emergencies, there are no changes to what constitutes an emergency at this time. It is important to note, that while the CDC Order temporarily halts evictions, W-2 agencies will not likely see applicants for the Emergency Assistance program applying based on impending homelessness due to an eviction for non-payment of rent from September 4 - December 31, 2020. However, if an applicant presents proper documentation, applications can still be processed and approved or denied as appropriate. Additionally, agencies should provide applicants with housing referrals to places such as [The Tenant Resource Center](#) and advise them of the current CDC order to inform them of their rights during this time.

This email will be posted to the BWF Work Programs Help Desk Home Page located here: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/partners/toolbox/helpdesk>. All COVID-related emails can be found in the Common Requests section under [COVID-19 Information](#).

If you have any questions regarding policies, please contact the W-2 Policy Mailbox at DCFW2PolicyQuestions@wisconsin.gov or the Help Desk at BWFworkprogramsHD@wisconsin.gov as appropriate. For contract questions, please contact Linda Richardson at

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Thank you.

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