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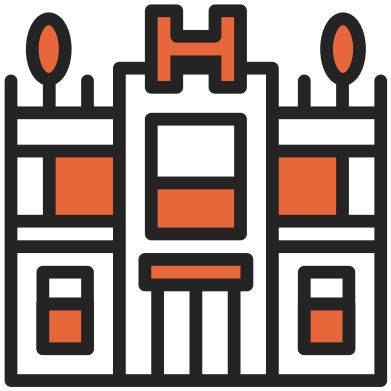

COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium & Hotel Guests

Does the Michigan eviction moratorium apply to hotel guests?

Governor Whitmer has halted most evictions in Michigan through July 16, 2020.*

- This "eviction moratorium" applies to tenants in leased housing, but not to hotel guests.
- Under Michigan law, tenants get legal protections in an eviction, and cannot be locked out without a court order.
- **Hotel guests do not get the same legal protections as tenants.** They can be forced to leave without a court order.
- It is not always clear whether someone is a tenant or a hotel guest. The fact that something is called a "hotel" or that someone is called a "guest" does not necessarily mean that is how a court will see it.
- Courts looks at a variety of factors, including how the owner of the property and the person living in the property describe the relationship, how payment is made, and what the premises are like.
- Anyone who is not sure whether they are a tenant or a hotel guest should seek legal advice.

* This date may be extended by future executive order

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