

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

CDC Issues Guidance Ordering Halt in Tenant Residential Evictions to Further Prevent the Spread of COVID

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4, 2020 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has ordered a halt in residential evictions through Dec. 31, 2020, to tenants meeting certain criteria in USDA multi-family housing properties.

The CDC guidance applies to tenants who [certify that they meet the following criteria](#):

- All adults in the household have attempted to obtain any available government assistance for rent;
- The household meets income limits of \$99,000 per individual or \$198,000 per couple;
- The household is unable to pay full rent due to a loss in household income or extraordinary medical expenses;
- Timely partial payments have been attempted;
- Eviction would likely make the household homeless or force them into an unsafe shared living arrangement.

If properties are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and tenant inability to pay, USDA will continue to accept forbearance requests under the 2020 [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) through Dec. 31, 2020.

To review our previously posted Multifamily Housing questions and answers on the CARES Act forbearance and COVID-19 in general, please visit the [Rural Development COVID-19 Response website](#).

For additional information, see page 55292 of the September 4 [Federal Register](#).

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