

## **ATTENTION LANDLORDS AND TENANTS**

### **RE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent Further Spread of COVID-19**

On September 1, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order temporarily halting residential evictions under certain limited circumstances to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. See

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-19654.pdf>

The CDC took this action pursuant to authority granted under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 264) and 42 C.F.R. § 70.2.

The CDC's Order is effective upon publication in the Federal Register, which is scheduled to occur on **Friday, September 4, 2020**, and it will remain in effect through **December 31, 2020**, unless extended.

Enforcement of the CDC Order is the joint responsibility of Federal authorities and cooperating State and local agencies. Penalties for violation of the Order by an individual include fines up to \$250,000 and imprisonment of up to one year. An organization can be fined up to \$500,000 per incident.

**No judge or court personnel can provide legal advice as to how this may affect your ability to seek relief in a landlord tenant action. All parties are urged to consult with an attorney.**